

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley  
with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond



## 30th September 2018

### THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Hilary Samson-Barry

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers  
and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris  
Hymns: 15 - 442 - 311 - 452 - 463 - 259  
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

**11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 15 - 442 - 311 - 259  
Reader: Martin Tanner

**12.30 pm Christening** for Talia Street in  
St Lawrence

**6.30 pm Taize Service** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

**7.30 pm Confirmation Course** in the  
Breakspear Room

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK

##### Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

##### Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

##### Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

##### Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

##### Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

#### WELCOME

**Welcome** to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive **Communion** in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a **Blessing**, and if you carry a book with you the priest will know not to offer you the bread and wine.

Unfortunately, the 9.30 am service is, at present, **sound live** only on 'www.thesundayervice.org'. We hope to get pictures back soon.



Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

A **T-loop** is provided for hearing aid users.



#### For our younger members in St Lawrence:

**Seekers** for those aged 3 to 10 years (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;

**Creche** in the Breakspear Room;  
**Quiet Corner** in church



Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am service.



*A **collection** is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please complete a gift aid envelope.*

*This money is fundamental to the life of the church: its ministry, mission and charitable giving.*

*As we receive no income from the Government or any other external body, we are reliant on the generosity of the community and our fundraising endeavours to ensure that the important work of the parish continues.*

*Many regular members of the congregation give by direct debit and so put nothing in the bag as it passes by.*

*If you would like to set up a regular direct debit, please ask for a **Parish Giving Scheme** pack.*

## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

*Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.*

**COLLECT:** Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING** Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Bible page 134

Despite all the hardship they endured in Egypt, despite the all the manna to eat, the Israelites in the wilderness grow nostalgic for Egyptian cuisine! Moses despairs of their changeability, and his responsibility for them. When God inspires 70 elders to help Moses, two others receive God's spirit apart from the rest. God appoints whom he wills to do his work.

**SECOND READING** James 5.13-end Bible page 229

The power of prayer is clear both to those who pray, and those who are helped by the prayers of others. The power of different ministries of the church is also clear: anointing and prayer for healing is effective for the sick; confession and prayer is effective for those troubled by sin.

**GOSPEL** Mark 9.38-end Bible page 43

Jesus tells his disciples they are not to put obstacles in the way of anyone doing good. Nor are they to put obstacles in the way of anyone's faith, or the consequences will be dire. Nor are they to ignore obstacles to faith in their own lives and lifestyles. No sacrifice is too great because the reward is God's love and God's life, and we can give others a foretaste of God's kingdom.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen.

**ANTHEM at 9.30 am** 'God so loved the world' - John Goss

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through him might be saved.  
Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's care for all his people
- » those who pray for us
- » the place of this church in the heart of our local community

### PRAY FOR

- » an eagerness to proclaim your love to the world
- » grace to seek your will wholeheartedly
- » Talia Street to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those who live in Redwing Grove, Rosemarie Close, Sabine House
- » Churches Together in Abbots Langley

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Jean Harris : Betty Harris : Ben : Doreen Clarke : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa : Ewan Mander : Hazel Muskett

### RIP

- » Hilary Phoenix (Watford)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8;  
Ephesians 5.25-end; Mark 10.2-16

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 1st October

- 12.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Dennis Hopkins
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence

### TUESDAY 2nd

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Mary Eldridge
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

### WEDNESDAY 3rd

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning at Bedmond
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### THURSDAY 4th

- 10.30 am Verulam U3A visit St Lawrence Church

### FRIDAY 5th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Bedmond Harvest Supper in the Tin Church

### SATURDAY 6th

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Eucharist for the Franciscan Third Order in St Lawrence
- 7.00 pm Friends of St Lawrence Fish & Chip Supper with entertainment in the hall

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 7th October 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 11.15 am Harvest Festival** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 am Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Course** in the Breakspear Room

## NOTICES

► **HARVEST** - both churches will be supporting the Watford Foodbank (see below for specific items needed) - no fresh produce please as the Foodbank won't take that -

**In the Tin Church** - Harvest Supper on Friday 5th October at 7.00 pm - please speak to Wendy Ball if you would like a ticket; Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October at 11.15 am.

**In St Lawrence** - Harvest Festival at 11.00 am (no 9.30 am service) on Sunday 14th October followed by Harvest Lunch - please sign the list in church. If you can help with harvest flowers on Saturday 13th October please sign that list.

► We offer our warmest congratulations to the Revd **DAVID WARNER** on his engagement this week to the Revd **PENNY KING**.

► This is **PETER & DIANE HOWARTH's** last Sunday as they move to Wallingford, via Cholsey, (Oxfordshire), this week. They have provided cake for all during coffee.

► **CONFIRMATION COURSE** continues this evening at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room - please speak to Peter if you would like to find out more, or just come along.

► The Beds and Herts Area of the **THIRD ORDER OF ST FRANCIS** (Sally Sanderson and Guy Buckler are both members) will be meeting in St Lawrence on Saturday 6th October. They begin with a Eucharist in church at 12.00 noon and anyone who would like to join them for this will be very welcome.

► Bedmond Village Task Force will be holding a **KEEP BEDMOND BEAUTIFUL** litter picking & bulb planting event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am at the Tin Church. Litter pickers will be provided – please bring own gloves. Refreshments will be available in the Church.

► Bedmond Village Task Force's **COMMUNITY CAFE** will be open from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December in the Tin Church. An opportunity to get together for a chat over a cuppa with homemade cakes. Hot soup and rolls served from 11.30 am. All proceeds to the Village Task Force for its work in the Community

► Friends of the Tin Church talk on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in Bedmond Village Hall: "**BEDMOND PAST AND PRESENT**". John

**MESSY CHURCH** - Wednesday, 10th October, in the Methodist Church hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm. They are on the look out for more helpers - if you are free on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of the month please speak to Peter or to Wendy Meldrum to find out how you can help - or just turn up!

Noonan, a long-time local resident takes us on a trip down memory lane as he compares the village as it was and is now. Entry: £3 to include refreshments. The Tin Church will be open from 6.30 to 7.15 pm for anyone wishing to visit it before the Talk in the Village Hall.

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** - current needs are pasta sauces, and canned food, especially meat, fish, vegetables and fruit; as well as all the usual (but no baked beans required!) - also toiletries; there is a box in the back of both churches.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for October - please take a copy (40p).

► **RED BOX APPEAL** - please put your donations of sanitary wear in the 'red box' at the back of St Lawrence in support of young women in our local schools.

► If you would like to pay for (or arrange yourself) **A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** in memory of someone or in celebration of an event, in either church, please speak to the office about dates for St Lawrence; or Wendy Ball for dates at Bedmond.

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*If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter directly.*

