

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

25th June 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Open Church Sunday



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Mike Jefford

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 473 - 106 - 226 - 148 - 513 - 372
Readers: Lisa Waddell and Michael Betteridge
Intercessor: Bill Sanderson

Both churches will be open between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm for Open Church Sunday - refreshments available at Bedmond

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Prayer for a Growing Church

10.15 am Monday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Holy Communion

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the parish & community

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 have been confirmed or 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.



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

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



For our younger members at 9.30 am:

Crèche (0-3 years)
in the Breakspear Room
with suitable toys;

Seekers (3-10 years)
in the church hall,

except Second Sundays;
(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)
Quiet Children's Corner in Church



**Before the service,
listen to God;
and after the service,
listen to each other.**

If you have come to the service at 9.30 am please stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the church hall.



A collection is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please use 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.

*If you would prefer to set up a regular direct debit, please pick up a **Parish Giving Scheme** pack.*

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

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

COLLECT: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Bible page 732

The prophet wrote six laments. This is the final one. He accuses God of all that he has suffered, but the final verse is a statement of praise and trust.

SECOND READING

Romans 6.1b-11

Bible page 152

Paul, in the previous chapter, introduced the idea that there are two dominions: one of death, whose symbolic head is Adam, and one of life, whose head is Christ. The obvious conclusion is that we would live with Christ in the dominion of life. But it is obvious that we all sin, however committed we are to Christ. So, more strongly than any other New Testament writer, Paul works out the tension between 'already' and 'not yet'. We sin. We are flawed even though Christ has died for us. But eventually, if we trust in him, we shall be raised from the death both of sin and mortality.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10.24-39

Bible page 10

The theme is the imitation of Christ. Matthew is usually a tough writer, a bit of a doom and gloom man which may have come from working for the Judaeen Inland Revenue. But what comes through is his unswerving belief that God is in charge. Saying that doesn't really cope with the existence of suffering except that in v 30 he states clearly that God knows what we do not know: God's omniscience and human ignorance. Vv 34-36 are difficult. We need to know that, based on Micah 7 v 6, there was a widespread belief among Jews that members of families will turn against each other before the fulfilment of the world. But those who lose, or think little of, their lives and put me first, says God, will be saved.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Alban - 22nd June The Alban Prayer

Among the roses of the martyrs
brightly shines Saint Alban.

Almighty God,
we thank you for our Cathedral
built to your glory
and in memory of Alban, our first martyr.
Following his example
in the fellowship of the saints,
may we worship and adore the true
and living God,
and be faithful witnesses to the Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Pray for us Alban,
pray for us all Saints of God.
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 28.5-9

Romans 6.12-end

Matthew 10.40-end

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS

- » for St Alban, the first British martyr
- » that God is ultimately in charge

PRAY FOR

- » a deeper belief and trust in God
- » the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban; the Dean and the Abbey staff
- » Tom McLean and Jack Shepherd, and all those being ordained this Petertide in Cathedrals all over the country
- » all those taking exams
- » those who worship at St Paul's Church and their vicar, the Revd James Webster
- » those who live in Keble Terrace, Kindersley Way, Kitters Green (including Castano Court)

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Stella Randall (Sally Sanderson's sister) : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Sonya : Hazel Muskett : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard

R.I.P.

- » Pat Thompson (Hazelbury Avenue) : Rose Constable (Leverstock Green) : Owen Nelson (friend of Dicker/Noonan) : Margaret Plows : Lucie Shephard : Brian Bland

PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS



TOM McLEAN (son of the Abbots Langley Methodist Minister, the Revd Derek McLean) is to be made Deacon in Peterborough Cathedral today; he is to serve his curacy in the parishes of St Mary the Virgin, Higham Ferrers and St John the Baptist, Chelveston-cum-Caldecott;

JACK SHEPHERD (grandson of Pam Shepherd and great nephew of Pauline Bryant) is to be made deacon in Liverpool Cathedral; he is to serve his curacy in Skelmersdale - please pray for them both, and for others to be ordained this Petertide.

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 26th

- 1.30 pm Breakspeare School visiting St Lawrence
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots meet in the Breakspeare Room
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 27th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspeare Room
- 10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House
- 8.00 pm Communications Team meets at 7 Fernhills

WEDNESDAY 28th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion**
- 8.00 pm Housegroup at 50 Rosehill Gardens

THURSDAY 29th

- 8.00 pm Housegroup at 6 Kindersley Way

FRIDAY 30th

- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspeare Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice

SATURDAY 1st July

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at Bedmond
- 2.00 pm St Lawrence Church Fete on the area In front of the church

NEXT SUNDAY

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- 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm **Christening** of Keon Williams
- 4.00 pm Malawi Meeting in the Breakspeare Room
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer**
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 1st July from 2.00 pm

Please sign the list in church to indicate which stall you can help with, and also if you can make a cake(s). Please give donations for the **tombola** to Marcus Coultrup or the office asap.

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - please take a pack if you haven't already taken one. Read about this new way of planned giving and complete and send off the form. If you need help completing the form please contact the office.

► **MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)** - following the meeting last Saturday a 1st draft has been drawn up and copies are available on the table. This affects us all as there are aims for action by July 2018. Please take a copy, read it and make any comments to PCC members by 11th July, the date of their next meeting.

► **OPEN CHURCH SUNDAY** - today - both churches will be open between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. If you have never been in Bedmond Church why not take a visit this afternoon?

► **TOY & PUZZLE FAIR** on Saturday 8th July from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm in the church hall - donations of good quality toys and puzzles to Jan Taylor (262565) - and don't forget to come and have a browse on the day! Proceeds will go to the Friends.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for July. Please take copies.

► Extra **SIDESPEOPLE** are needed at the 8.00 am and 9.30 am services; also for weddings. Please speak to Jane or contact the office if you would like to find out more.

► Thank you to all those who supported the African Event for **MALAWI** yesterday evening; there are donation forms available for others who would like to offer support for the team going to Malawi in 2018.

Four opportunities for social occasions, both locally and further afield:

► **THE GONDOLIERS** - the Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Society perform once again at Watford Palace Theatre - if you'd like to join a group going on Friday 7th July please sign the list.

► **SUMMER END** - a comedy with darker moments, will be Abbots Langley Players' next play at the Henderson Hub from Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th July at 7.45 pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. For further details please pick up a flyer from the back of the church.

► Coach trip to **BLenheim PALACE** on Wednesday 23rd August leaving St Lawrence at 9.30 am and returning at approx 6.00 pm - cost approx. £30 for palace and gardens (£27 for concessions) or £24 for gardens only (£22) - please sign the list.

► **THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME** at Milton Keynes Theatre on Tuesday 12th September - cost £40pp - please sign the list.

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

