

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



10th June 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Reader: David Staines

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 119 - See what a morning -
In Christ alone - 14 - 549 - 317

12.30 pm Christening for Nathan McFadyen
in the Church of the Ascension

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

7.30 pm Pilgrim Course -
'The Commandments'
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, newcomers and those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read - 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.

The 9.30 am service is **screened live** on 'www.thesundayervice.org'; no members of the congregation will be seen on film.



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

If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for **coffee, tea, juice and biscuits** in the hall after the 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: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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	Genesis 3.8-15	Bible page 3
SECOND READING	2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1	Bible page 177
GOSPEL	Mark 3.20-end	Bible page 35

Sorry, we don't have explanations for these readings so this is an abbreviated version of that written in the Church Times by the Revd Rosalind Brown:

This is the first time in his Gospel that Mark has mentioned Jesus' family. When reading Mark, we have to forget what we know from the birth narratives of Matthew and Luke because, for Mark, Jesus is a charismatic young man who appeared on the scene in a whirlwind of activity, with no background information except that he came from Nazareth and lived in Capernaum. The pace of Mark's story is breath-taking. Jesus drew crowds wherever he went: this is the ninth time in three chapters that Mark has reported enormous crowds around Jesus, or that he had no privacy, or was too busy to eat. He performed miracles, including exorcisms, and people flocked to be healed. Local life was turned upside down as news spread. This frenetic pace of life was unsustainable, and took its toll on Jesus; so people questioned his mental state. Whereas the Scribes placed themselves outside God's family, Mary tried to close the natural family around Jesus for his protection. We can picture this strong Jewish mother, bringing her other children with her for support, arriving on the scene to tell her eldest son off. Any mother of a young man who appears to be going off the family rails will understand. This miracle-worker had a family history, was human, and his mother was concerned. But she could not get into the house, and so resorted to sending a message. Jesus was not to be distracted, and his brusque response was the passion of a young man caught up in the intensity of his mission. His answer was not to reject his family as his nearest kin, but to expand his family circle, drastically, to include anyone who did the will of God and wanted to follow him. This was not easy for Mary.

In pairing the Gospel story of Mary seeking out Jesus with the poignant episode in the creation myth from Genesis, the lectionary draws our attention to the pain of rejected love. Mary searched out her son with his well-being at heart; God searched for the man to whom he had given life with his well-being at heart. We read that God missed the close fellowship for which Adam was created, and which brought joy to God as well as to Adam. Mary sought Jesus because she wanted to protect him from his popularity; but his impulse, like that of God with Adam, was and is to seek human company, and to include more people than might be on our invitation list for family events. If we find that disconcerting, so did the religious leaders of Jesus' day. From the other perspective, some people find it hard to believe that they are welcomed, and, like Adam, may hide for shame. God's presence among us today may be equally disturbing to our way of life before it can be liberating.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » our families
- » this community in which we live
- » the mystery and joy of creation

PRAY FOR

- » those who chose to ignore God and not accept his invitation
- » all preparing for and taking exams at this time
- » Nathan McFadyen to be christened today
- » those who live in High Road Leavesden, Hill Farm Avenue, Hill Farm Close
- » those who worship at the Church of the Ascension

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Lance : Roy Bratt : John Burn :
- Hazel Muskett : Betty Wallace : Jeff Rees :
- Ben : Ewan Mander : Vanessa :
- Sarah Jenkins : Rosemary Tucker

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 17.22-end; Psalm 92.1-4,12-end;
2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17; Mark 4.26-34

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 11th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence tower

TUESDAY 12th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 2.00 pm Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

WEDNESDAY 13th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion inc Corporate Communion for the MU in St Lawrence
- 10.45 am MU meets in the Breakspear Room
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist hall
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 14th

- 11.00 am Flower arrangers' meeting in the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 15th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 10.15 am Breakspear School visit St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 16th

- 2.00 pm Burial of Ashes of Colin Smith

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17th June 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Christening** for Callan Forrest
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** on
'The Commandments' in the Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Commandments' begins tonight in the Breakspear Room at 7.30 pm. How should Christians behave and how should we live? This 6-week course explores that question. It will also be run on Tuesday afternoons, starting this week (12th June) at 1.00 pm (with lunch) in the Breakspear Room.

► **AL METHODIST CHURCH** is celebrating 140 years of worship this afternoon at 2.00 pm in the Millennium Garden - all welcome.

► **Gold and Cinnabar: The Tradition of HOLY ICONS:** a talk, demonstration and opportunity to try out techniques used in Holy Icons given by local Iconographer, Susan Cooke as part of ALF. **Tuesday 19th June at 7.30pm in the Tin Church, Bedmond.** Cost: £3.50 on the door to include tea/coffee and cake.

► Saturday 23rd June 12.00 noon to - 5.00 pm. Friends of St Lawrence: **Open Garden at the Abbots House.** Cream Teas, Live Music with WW1 theme. Entrance fee: adults £5; 3-12 years £2, under 3s free).

► St Lawrence **CHURCH FETE** - Saturday 30th June from 2.00 to 5.00 pm on the land in front of the church. All the usual stalls - please sign up if you can help. Tombola items to the church office prior to the day please.

► **The Friends of the Tin Church** will be holding a **BBQ** on Sunday 1st July at 1.00 pm in the beautiful garden of Springfields, Bell Lane, Bedmond. Cost £10 per person (price includes burgers & hotdogs/veggie burgers & salad, coleslaw, onions etc). Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available from the Church Office or at Tin Church events.

► The **Friends of St Lawrence** are seeking a new **TREASURER** to join their committee. Accountancy experience is not required, just the ability to run a simple Excel spreadsheet and take on various banking and administration tasks. If you would like to know more please contact Andy Taylor (01923 262565).

► As part of the **Flower Festival** (6th-8th July) there will be a **ROSE BED** for people to sponsor a rose(s) in memory of a loved one - £2 a rose - money (with name) to Carole Borrowdale or the Church Office. The flower arrangers are also looking for gardening books, tools or items for a stall at the Flower Festival - items to Carole.

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

► **MESSY HELP THIS MONTH:** help on the day - Wednesday 13th June between 3.15 and 6.00 pm in the Methodist Hall - speak to Wendy Meldrum.

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** needs long life milk, long life juice, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, individual sponge puddings, cereals, coffee, biscuits, sugar - there is a box at the back of church.

► The **YOUTH CHOIR** will be singing 'Songs among the Flowers' during the Flower Festival in St Lawrence on Friday 6th July from 6.30 to 7.15 pm - a mix of their gospel, pop and rock favourites - all welcome.

► **MALAWI 2018** - they would like to take with them girls' and ladies' knickers (sizes 10-16) - if anyone would like to buy any when they are next shopping; please drop them into the office.

► **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** - there are still a few people who haven't completed a **Consent Form** and returned it to the Church Office - please do so or we cannot contact you.

► **CONGRATULATIONS** to Nicola (nee Meldrum) and Adam on the birth of a son, Jacob, on Thursday 7th June; a brother for Thomas. All well; and a couple of very happy grandparents!

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