

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

14th October 2018

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HARVEST THANKSGIVING



### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Reader: Mike Jefford

**11.00 am Second Sunday Communion Service** in St Lawrence  
President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill  
Hymns: 534 - O, the deep, deep love of Jesus -  
The Lord's my Shepherd -  
Give thanks to the Lord  
followed by **Harvest Lunch** in the hall

**11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris  
Hymns: 388 - 106 - 426 - 467  
Reader: Martin Tanner

**12.45 pm Christening** for Macsen Stemson

**6.30 pm Choral Evensong** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

### 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:** Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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**

Joel 2.21-27

Bible page 862

The book of Joel is written just after a terrible plague of locusts has so ravaged the land that even the daily sacrifices in the temple have had to be discontinued. Thus there has been a spiritual as well as a physical famine in the land. The Israelites' response was prayer and penitence and through Joel, God promises in this passage to accept their repentance and restore the land to its original abundance and close relationship with him.

### **SECOND READING**

I Timothy 6.6-10

Bible page 208

There are two famous sayings in this short passage; one that we use in the funeral service "For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it" and the other "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." The sayings are rooted in a passage which is trying to orientate the Christians to a set of priorities which puts their faith in Christ at the heart of their lives. Paul does not deny the needs of the body, but there is a world of difference between having enough for those needs and greed for luxury and excess which distracts and leads us into destructive lifestyles, both for ourselves and others.

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 12 vv 16-21

Bible page 71

The dangers of possessions and a comment on needless worrying. We have limited control over the future, and the teaching stresses God's care. Undue effort to achieve in worldly terms leads people to forget God and the things of the Kingdom. It is all so obvious, but how easily do we ignore it.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's generosity and care for us, both materially and spiritually
- » our own material security and comfort
- » God's guidance and help through difficult times

### PRAY FOR

- » getting our priorities right
- » the well being of those who are experiencing famine, failure of rain, plagues of pests and diseases, and destruction of their material resources
- » the people of Indonesia following the earthquake and tsumani
- » Macsen Stemson to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those to be confirmed in the Cathedral next Saturday
- » those who live in Shackleton Way, Shaftesbury Way, Shepherds Close
- » those who worship at St Lawrence

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### RIP

- » Jean Harris : Ethel Owen : Hilary Phoenix

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Psalm 91.9-end;  
James 5.1-6; Mark 10.17-31

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 15th

*The Church Office will be closed*

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

### TUESDAY 16th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall
- 8.00 pm MU meets in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 17th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WW1 soldiers: Leonard Dickinson, Albert Lee, Frank Morton
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### THURSDAY 18th

- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WW1 soldier: Charles Bonner

### FRIDAY 19th

- 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
- 7.30 pm 'Bedmond Past & Present' in Bedmond Village Hall

### SATURDAY 20th

- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for WW1 soldier: David Brown
- 2.00 pm Communion Preparation Class in the Breakspear Room
- 4.00 pm Burial of ashes of Sarah O'Reilly in the Garden of Remembrance
- 6.30 pm Confirmation in St Albans Cathedral

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY

#### AFTER TRINITY

21st October 2018

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am **Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 11.15 am **Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Christening for Elsa & Heidi Moffatt
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall
- 4.00 pm Malawi Meeting in the Breakspear Room
- 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: Sally Sanderson

## NOTICES

- **CHORAL EVENSONG** tonight at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence. All welcome.
- Last chance to sign the **ENGAGEMENT CARD** for the Revds **David Warner** and **Penny King** today - it's on the table in church.
- 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 Noonan 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 before the Talk in the Village Hall.
- The Back to the Front Project is holding a **GREAT WAR EXHIBITION** in the Tin Church from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Opening times: Saturday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Sunday, 12.30 – 4.00 pm; weekdays 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. This "pop-up" exhibition will feature the life and times of the people from local villages throughout the First World War. It will move to St Lawrence on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
- The Back to the Front Project will be holding a **GREAT WAR TALK "The Man from the Bottom of My Garden"** in the Tin Church on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. Roger Yapp (Project Leader of 'Back to the Front') will tell the story of Walter Owen from Abbots Langley, and his exploits during the Great War. Suggested donation £2. Refreshments available.
- **DISCOVERING LOST WORLDS**, a talk by the Revd Anders Bergquist, trained archaeologist and former Curate in the parish. A fascinating talk about two of our most distinguished local figures, John Evans and Arthur his son who achieved international fame in the world of archaeology. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, in the church hall at 7.30pm. Entrance by ticket £5 from Church Office; light refreshments provided.
- As part of The Back to the Front Project programme of events to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI, Brian Hibberd will lead a reflective hour of music, poetry, readings and prayerful quiet to mark the end of the First World War suitable for people of any faith or none. "**NOW THAT THE GUNS HAVE STOPPED**" will be held in the Tin Church, Bedmond at 8.00 pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for October - please take a copy (40p).

**MESSY CHURCH** - Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 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!

- **WATFORD FOODBANK** - current needs are pasta sauces, and canned food, especially meat, fish, vegetables and fruit; as well as all the usual (they have enough baked beans!) - also toiletries.
- **RED BOX APPEAL:** pantyliners; feminine wipes; dark coloured knickers (age 9/10 and upwards); deodorant/body spray; black opaque tights; Lil-lets teen-range of pads; and if you are a keen on sewing - hand made drawstring bags 20x20 cm. Please put your donations 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 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.
- **TIN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS** in aid of The Friends of the Tin Church are now on sale at the Tin Church.
- For those who walked to St Albans on Easter Monday we now have some **PILGRIMAGE BADGES** - please ask in the office.

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