

NOTICES

► **MANY THANKS** to all those who helped or supported the **St Lawrence Fete** yesterday, especially to Carol Higgs who organised the day. The proceeds will be divided between the Peace Hospice and the Hospice of St Francis.

► **THANK YOU**, also, to those who supported the launch event for the **Malawi 2018 Fund** - just over £800 was raised - a fantastic start! (This is to cover project costs in Malawi; those going are self-supporting.) If you would like to support the fund there are forms on the table for you to give by cheque or cash, or you can give on-line: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - many people have already signed up to this - have you?! (If nothing else it will make Marcus' life easier!) Take a pack if you haven't already; think and pray about how much you can give; complete the form and send it off - and cancel your old standing order if you have one.

► **MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)** - following the recent meeting 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.

► **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.

► **PICNIC PARTY FOR CHRISTENING FAMILIES** on Sunday 16th July from 2.00 to 4.00 pm - for all who have had a child christened since January 2016 - bring a picnic and a rug!

Four opportunities for social occasions, both locally and further afield - please sign appropriate lists today as we have to make decisions about tickets and coach soon:

► **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 today.

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

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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.

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

2nd July 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 296 - 442 - 426 - 27 - 484 - 518
Readers: Nikki Williams & Norman Meldrum
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 296 - 442 - 426 - 518
Reader: John Noonan

12.30 pm **Christening** for Keon Williams

12.30 pm **Sunday Lunch Club**

4.00 pm **Malawi Meeting**
in the Breakspear Room

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors, newcomers and to those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read - 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. 

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

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

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: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Jeremiah 28.5-9 Bible page 742

The prophet Hananiah had contradicted Jeremiah's prophecies of doom and had foretold the restoration of the people of Israel from Babylon within two years. Jeremiah was a thorn in the side of the rulers of Israel and they were only too glad to listen to Hananiah. Jeremiah advises caution. A prophecy of peace is rare in the history of prophecy; it would be well to wait and see if it comes true before acting upon it.

SECOND READING Romans 6.12-end Bible page 152

Although the Christian has died spiritually to sin, the mortal body is still attracted to it and, because we are both body and soul, we cannot help being tempted. However, as Christians we remove ourselves from temptation and subordinate ourselves to Christ. Thus our temptations are reduced and we will live in righteousness, not because we obey the law, but because we are obedient to Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 10.40-end Bible page 10

Welcoming a messenger from God matters for the kind of life we will live with God. Messengers from God are his representatives and if we treat them badly, then we treat God badly. God doesn't put up with bad treatment; if we deny him, then he will deny us, and there is no deeper sin. But if we do his work, receive his prophets and care for his people, we will enjoy the rewards of righteousness.

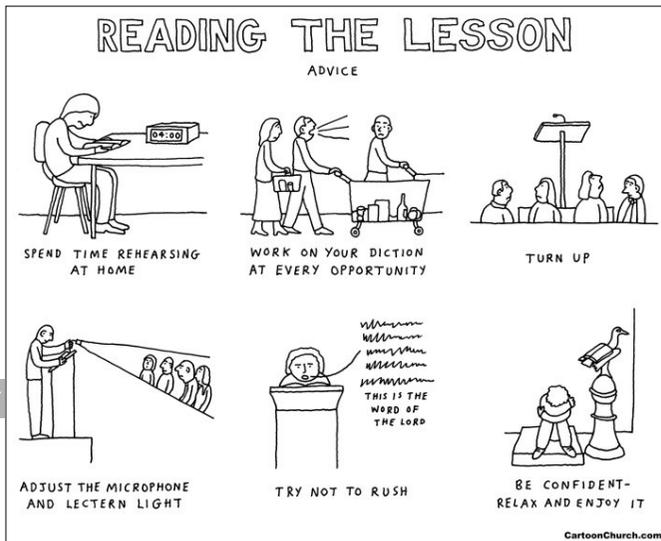
POST COMMUNION

PRAYER:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Zechariah 9.9-12
Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19,25-end



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the prophets and angels who bring us God's word
- » the righteous life in Christ
- » the pleasure and joy of relationship with God through Christ

PRAY FOR

- » willingness to allow Christ to guide our lives
- » patience and open minds to God's messengers
- » those to be ordained in St Albans this weekend
- » Michael and Ashleigh Greatwood; Lee and Gaynor Brown as both couples celebrate their first wedding anniversary
- » Keon Williams to be christened today
- » all those taking exams
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for their lay minister, Paul Brooks
- » those who live in Lancaster Way, Langleybury Lane (inc St Paul's School), Langley Lane

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Stella Randall : Rob Sheppard : Paul Goggins : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Sonya : Phyllis Ridgeway : Hazel Muskett

R.I.P.

- » John Lambert (Abbots Road) : Florence Scales (Hewlitt) : Pat Thompson : Rose Constable :

Anthem at 9.30 am:

'Lord for thy Tender Mercy's Sake', composed by Richard Farrant, a 16th century composer and one time organist of St George's Chapel, Windsor. The text is from Lidley's Prayers 1566.

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in an upright heart
before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen.

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 3rd St Thomas, the Apostle
2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

TUESDAY 4th
10.15 am Tuesday Coffee
in the Breakspear Room
8.00 pm Evening Quiet
in the Corpus Christi Chapel

WEDNESDAY 5th
10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning
10.15 am Holy Communion
7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 6th

FRIDAY 7th
10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
12.30 pm Burial of ashes of Harry & Sadie Beedle
2.00 pm Funeral of Rose Constable
at the Crematorium
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
6.15 pm Youth Choir practice

SATURDAY 8th

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party
at St Lawrence
10.00 am Friends Toy & Puzzle Fair in the hall

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

9th July 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service
President & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

11.30 am **Christening** for Hugo Bunting

12.30 pm **Christening** for Trevor & Frank Course

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell