

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

17th June 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Sue Tomson

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Hymns: 296 - 442 - 426 - 27 - 484 - 518
Readers: Norman Meldrum and Lisa Waddell
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 296 - 442 - 426 - 518
Reader: John Noonan

12.30 pm Christening for Callan Forrest
in St Lawrence

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

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: 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

Ezekiel 17.22-end

Bible page 796

The prophet, in exile in Babylon, foretells the return of a descendant of David to his throne in Jerusalem. Like a gardener taking a stem cutting, God will propagate and cultivate this slender shoot until it becomes a majestic tree on the highest mountain, giving shade and shelter to many. The 'royal tree' anticipates the cross, and God acting to bring down the mighty and exalt the humble is echoed in the Magnificat.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17

Bible page 178

The compelling love of Christ gives Paul confidence in his ministry, seeking to please God in this life although he longs for the life of heaven. Christ died for all and we are baptised into the saving power of Christ's death. So, for us, the worst part of dying is over for in baptism we have 'put on' Christ - we have been clothed in his immortality and eternal life has begun.

GOSPEL

Mark 4.26-34

Bible page 37

The parable of the seed growing secretly is only found in Mark's Gospel. This and the parable of the mustard seed, proverbially small in Jewish thinking, both indicate that God's purposes are reaching their fulfilment, and the blessings of God's kingdom are available for all. Jesus uses Ezekiel's image of birds nesting in the shade of the tree - so our faith, however small it seems at first, can grow to benefit all around us.

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.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)
John Rutter*

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who have nurtured our faith
- » the beauty and fruitfulness of the natural world

PRAY FOR

- » growth in faith: that our faith may grow deeper, and others may come to faith
- » all preparing for and taking exams at this time
- » Callan Forrest to be christened today
- » those who live in Hillside Close, Hilltop Road, Hunters Lane
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for Paul Brooks, their lay leader

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Lance : 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

Job 38.1-11; Psalm 107.1-3,23-32;
2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-end

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 18th

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

TUESDAY 19th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall
- 7.30 pm Holy Icons - a talk & demonstration in The Tin church
- 8.00 pm Communications Team meets at 7 Fernhills

WEDNESDAY 20th

- 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
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Property Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

THURSDAY 21st

- 12.00 noon Deanery Chapter meets in the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 22nd

- 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

SATURDAY 23rd

- 12.00 noon Friends Open Garden at The Abbots House
- 3.00 pm Wedding of Matthew Wyard and Daniella Yule

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

24th June 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
- 11.30 am **Christening** for Harley Gregory
- 12.30 pm **Christening** for Rex McDonald
- 6.30 pm **Taize Service** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm **Pilgrim Course** on 'The Commandments' in the Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► The **PCC** has decided to keep the **Parish Communion** at 9.30 am and to start **Communion services at Bedmond** at 11.15 am weekly from September. Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation - more details in the next edition of Outlook.

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Commandments' continues tonight in the Breakspear Room at 7.30 pm. How should Christians behave and how should we live? This 6-week course explores those questions. Also on Tuesday afternoons at 12.30 pm (with lunch).

► **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 WWI theme. Entrance fee: adults £5; 3-12 years £2, under 3s free.

► Celebrate Britain's First Saint at the **ALBAN PILGRIMAGE** on Saturday 23rd June beginning at St Peter's Church St Albans at 11.00 am with a procession through the city centre followed by a Festival Eucharist in the Cathedral around 12.00 noon; Festival Evensong is at 4.00 pm.

► 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. Proceeds to Demand and to Breakspear School.

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

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

► 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.

► **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)** - don't forget to complete your form if you haven't done so.

► **CONGRATULATIONS** to Annette (nee Ludlow) and Nick on the birth of a son, Theodore John, on Thursday 14th June - all, including first time grandparents (Sandra & Gordon), doing well!

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

