

## NOTICES

▶ A fantastic total of £2,200 was raised at last weeks **FETE** which will be divided between the Peace Hospice and the Hospice of St Francis. Thank you to all those who helped and supported this event.

▶ **MALAWI 2018 FUND** - just over £1,065 has been raised towards the £10,000 target - 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.

▶ **STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM WITH A LITTLE LIGHT MUSIC** at the Baptist Church on Saturday 15th July at 7.30 pm - tickets £5 available on the door with profits to the **Leprosy Mission**.

▶ **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for July. Please take copies. If you know of anyone who would be interested in advertising - please let the office know.

▶ 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!

▶ **ABBOTS LANGLEY ORCHESTRA CONCERT** next Sunday (16th) in St Saviour's Church at 7.30 pm - programme includes Haydn, Rossini and Strauss - tickets available on the door.

*Three 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:*

▶ **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

9th July 2017

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### TODAY

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Reader: Pam Haggith

#### 9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Hymns: Jesus is the name we honour -  
Bless the Lord, O my soul - 490 - 53 - 231

11.30 am Christening for Hugo Bunting

12.30 pm Christening for Trevor and Frank Course

#### 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.

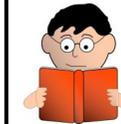
If you have been confirmed or usually receive **Communion** in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a **Blessing**, and if you carry a book with you the priest will know not to offer you the bread and wine.



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:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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** Zechariah 9.9-12 Bible page 894

The arrival of the Prince of Peace is prophesied as an occasion for great rejoicing for Jerusalem. The triumphant king comes as a humble and peaceful monarch. His victorious kingdom will bring peace to the ends of the earth, and God promises the release for prisoners and hope for all his people.

**SECOND READING** Romans 7.15-25a Bible page 153

Paul vividly dramatises the inner conflict between good and evil. Sin is personified as an evil power that enters a person's life and enslaves the true self to its law. The spiritual power of God's law, which is holy and good, makes us all the more conscious of our weakness and failings without God's power to rescue and save us.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 11.16-19,25-end Bible page 11

Some may take offence at Jesus as they did at John the Baptist, but the wisdom of God will be recognised by those who are not too sophisticated to accept it. In a great hymn, Jesus claims a special relation to God which he can share with others. Jewish rabbis spoke of the yoke of the Law, but Jesus regards his claim as both more demanding and more rewarding.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

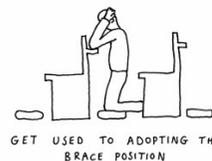
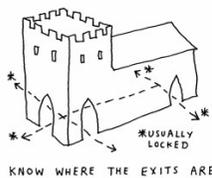
## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 55.10-13  
Romans 8.1-11  
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off Monday & Friday

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



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## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

» Jesus' invitation to rest in him

### PRAY FOR

- » discernment to recognise the wisdom of God
- » Hugo Bunting, Trevor and Frank Course to be christened today
- » those who worship at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- » those who live in Langley Road, Lapwing Way and Lauderdale Road

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Stella Randall : Rob Sheppard : Sonya : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Brenda Murphy : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Hazel Muskett : Graham Drage
- R.I.P.**
- » Marion McConnon (Rosehill Gardens) : Antoinette Pleasants (formerly of A/L) : John Lambert : Florence Scales : Pat Thompson : Rose Constable

### Anthem at 9.30 am:

Come to me, you weary ones;  
come to me, you fearful ones;  
come, all you with heavy loads  
and I will give your soul repose.  
Take my yoke and learn from me;  
take my yoke and you will see  
I love you so tenderly  
and I will give your soul repose.  
There's no need to struggle,  
there's no need to fight.  
Put your hand in mine  
and you will be alright.  
For my yoke is easy  
and my burden light.  
I will give your soul repose.  
Come to me, you faded ones,  
come to me, you jaded ones;  
come all you with broken dreams  
and bathe in love's pure healing stream.  
Take my yoke and learn from me;  
take my yoke and you will see  
I love you so tenderly  
and I will give your soul repose.  
There's no need to worry,  
there's no need to fear.  
I will never leave you,  
no, I'm always here.  
How could I forsake the one I love so dear?  
I will give your soul repose.

Nick & Anita Haigh

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## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 10th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

- TUESDAY 11th** Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, 550
- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
  - 8.00 pm PCC meet in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 12th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion including MU Corporate Communion**
- 11.40 am Funeral of Florence Scales at the Crematorium
  - 3.30 pm Messy Church at the Methodist Church
  - 7.45 pm Choir practice

### THURSDAY 13th

- 10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens
- 12.00 noon Funeral of Marion McConnon at the Crematorium
- 2.00 pm Funeral of Pat Thompson in St Lawrence followed by Cremation

### FRIDAY 14th

- John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866
- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
  - 12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldiers - Douglas Scrivenor and Howard Keep
  - 1.00 pm Funeral of John Lambert at the Crematorium
  - 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
  - 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice
- SATURDAY 15th** Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, 862
- 3-5.00 pm Bedmond Village Taskforce Summer Fair
  - 3.30 pm Burial of the Ashes of Jean Armitage

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 16th July 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**
- 12.30 pm Christening** for Kian Kennedy
- 2.00 pm Annual Picnic Party for Christening families**
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell