

## NOTICES

► **PICNIC PARTY FOR CHRISTENING FAMILIES** this afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00 pm on the grassed area in front of St Lawrence - for all who have had a child christened since January 2016 (or earlier if you want to join in!) - bring a picnic and a rug for fun and games!

► **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.

► **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 online: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► **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.

► During the coming months, if you are in the High Street and have time, please pop into **ST LAWRENCE** and check all is OK - usually it is but it won't do any harm to discourage the wrong sort of activity.

► **ABBOTS LANGLEY ORCHESTRA CONCERT** this evening in St Saviour's Church, over in The Crescent, at 7.30 pm - programme includes Haydn, Rossini and Strauss - tickets available on the door.

► 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

16th July 2017

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



#### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Reader: Sue Tomson

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Hymns: 427 - 288 - 311 - 53 - 549 -  
How shall I sing that majesty  
Readers: Simon Stanley and Laura Furlong  
Intercessor: Marcus Coultrup

**11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 427 - 288 - 311 - How shall I sing  
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

**12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**

**12.30 pm Christening** for Kian Kennedy

**2.00 pm Annual Picnic for Christening Families**

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

#### 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

#### 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 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 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. 

*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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 55.10-13 Bible page 696

The approaching restoration of Israel from exile is celebrated with a hymn of joy. As rain brings new life and growth and ultimately provides sustenance, so does God's word: God's purposes will always prevail. The return from Babylon is described as a new Exodus into the promised land, which like Eden will be fertile with good growth.

**SECOND READING** Romans 8.1-11 Bible page 153

Paul says there is now no doom or death for us, because God has condemned sin to death! To be in Christ is to belong to the new order of life which God has created through Christ, and to know the Spirit, who is the actual power of God in our midst and in our hearts, to will and to work in all ways that please God.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 Bible page 13

The parable of the sower is one of the few occasions in Matthew where Jesus gives an explanation of the parable: that the response to Jesus' message, the good news of God's love, is affected by the circumstances of human life. Another implicit message of the parable is God's liberality: he sows widely and even if only some of the seed bears fruit, the harvest is rich enough for all.

### POST COMMUNION

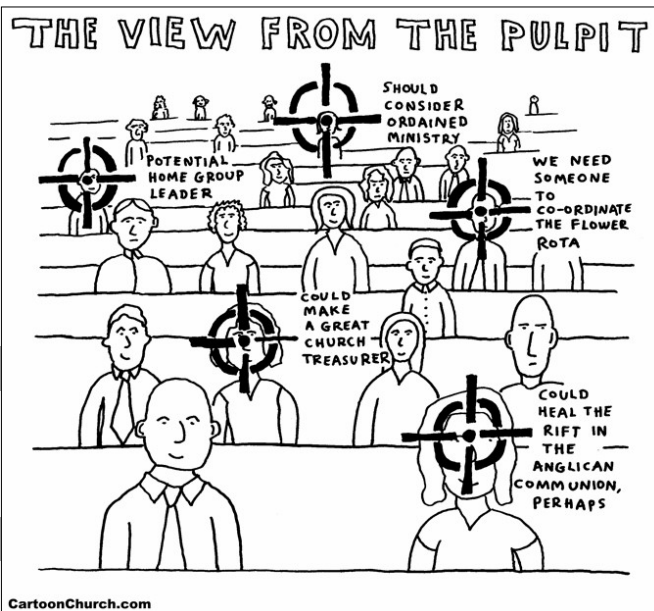
**PRAYER:** Grant, O Lord we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 44.6-8  
Romans 8.12-25  
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

### AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off: Friday



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » life through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit
- » the ability to trust God's purposes for the world
- » the hope and joy of a life in faith

### PRAY FOR

- » being fertile soil to receive and respond to the Good News of Jesus
- » honesty and integrity in the world of journalism, the mass media and in government
- » Kian Kennedy to be christened today
- » Stuart and Emily Rice as they celebrate their first wedding anniversary
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church and for the Revd Derek McLean
- » those who live in Little How Croft; Little Orchard Close; Linnet Road

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Rob Sheppard : Sonya : Hazel Muskett : Brenda Murphy : Graham Drage : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

### R.I.P.

- » Anne Kempster (Leavesden) : Anne Campbell (wife of the Vicar of Christchurch, Watford) : Pat Thompson : Marion McConnon : John Lambert : Antoinette Pleasants : Florence Scales

### Anthem at 9.30 am:

"If ye love me"  
*composed by Thomas Tallis*

Text: John 14.15-17:

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the spirit of truth.

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 17th

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

### TUESDAY 18th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee  
in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm MU meets in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 19th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice

### THURSDAY 20th

### FRIDAY 21st

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee  
in the Henderson Hub
- 11.20 am Funeral of Anne Kempster  
at the Crematorium
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the  
Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice

### SATURDAY 22nd

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 23rd July 2017

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Preacher: Dr Kate Carter

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**  
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
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**11.30 am Christening** for Austin Brady

**12.30 pm Christening** for Millie Gillon

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell