

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



1st July 2018

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 474 - 288 - 309 - 355 - 484 - 188
Readers: Paul McHugh and Sara Bedford
Intercessor: Sally Sanderson

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 474 - 288 - 309 - 188
Reader: Linda Ball

12.30 pm Christening for Henry Grant
in St Lawrence

1.00 pm Friends of the Tin Church barbecue

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 those who have come to hear their banns of marriage read, 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.

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 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 Wisdom 1.13-15;2.23,24 Bible page 41

This is one of the very rare occasions on which a text from the Apocrypha is set for reading on a Sunday. The Apocryphal books are regarded as part of the Bible by Catholics, but not generally by Protestant churches. This text is probably from the second century before Christ, and expresses the increasing conviction within Judaism of that time that death is an offence against God's original plan, an outrage which must be challenged.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 Bible page 173

This is an extract from St. Paul's most sustained treatment of the resurrection. Clearly, already in the first few years of the church there were those who doubted the reality of Christ's resurrection and its importance for Christian faith and life. Paul argues that it is critically important: all Christian hope revolves around the fact that Jesus is risen from the dead. Without the resurrection, for Paul there simply is no Christian faith.

GOSPEL Mark 5.21-end Bible page 38

The story of the healing of the little girl is interrupted by the healing of the woman with haemorrhages. Yet the stories belong together - Jesus reaches out to those whose affliction made them ritually unclean. Blood, disease and even death do not prevent the mercy of God who offers both physical healing and a greater, more permanent salvation when we 'get up' from the sleep of death. Think what Jesus can do for us, if we can touch even the hem of his garment.

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.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

O, Lord my God to thee (from Psalms 25 & 26)
by Jacques Arcadelt (c. 1510-1568)

O Lord my God, to thee do I lift up my soul

O Lord in thee have I trusted.

Let me not be ashamed

Let not my foes triumph over me

O lead me in a plain path;

cast me not off nor forsake me.

Teach me thy way, Lord

O hide not thy face far from me.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's power to heal and save
- » all health workers and carers who bring God's healing to others

PRAY FOR

- » for patience and faith in times of trouble
- » all those being ordained at this time of year especially Vanessa Kerswill to be ordained deacon today in St Albans Cathedral
- » Henry Grant to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » all preparing for and taking exams at this time
- » those out in Malawi and for the people of Malosa
- » those who live in Jacketts Field, Katherine Place, Keble Terrace
- » those who worship at St Lawrence

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Beryl Russell : Lance : John Burn :
- Hazel Muskett : Betty Wallace : Jeff Rees :
- Ben : Ewan Mander : Vanessa :
- Sarah Jenkins : Rosemary Tucker

RIP

Mary Eldridge (Hanover Gardens) :
Winifred Gostick (ex Abbots Langley)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123;
2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 2nd

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

TUESDAY 3rd

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Rm
- 1.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Evelyn Woodard
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Seekers' leaders meet in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 4th

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

FRIDAY 6th

- 10.00 am Flower Festival opens in St Lawrence
- 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
- 6.30 pm Youth Choir concert amongst the flowers

SATURDAY 7th

- 10.00 am Flower Festival in St Lawrence
- 10.00 am Craft Fair in St Lawrence church hall
including refreshments for both events

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8th July 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

10.30 am Flower Festival in St Lawrence

10.30 am Craft Fair in the church hall
including refreshments for both events

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

7.30 pm Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Commandments' continues tonight in the Breakspear Room at 7.30 pm. Also on Tuesday afternoons at 12.30 pm (with lunch).

► Many thanks to all those who helped at or supported the **ST LAWRENCE FETE** yesterday - the amount raised, to be split equally between Demand and Breakspear School, will be announced in due course.

► Thanks also to all those who helped at or supported the Friends of St Lawrence **OPEN GARDEN** on 23rd June - over 250 came and over £1,800 was raised.

► **SONG RECITAL** - St Peter's, Berkhamsted, Friday 6th July at 1.00 pm. Alex Courtney (tenor) and Chris Joyce (piano) will be performing a short recital in aid of 'Save the Children' and 'Magic Breakfast'. Programme to include works by Schumann, Schubert, Hahn and Poulenc. Admission free. Retiring collection.

► **MUSIC & LAUGHTER 2** performed by the AL G&S Society at the Henderson Hub from 5th-8th July - great show tunes mixed with hilarious comedy numbers! - directed by Kathy Bunting and starring many familiar faces including Brenda Southorn, Emma Stratton and Jill Waghorn. Tickets from algss.ticketsource.co.uk or the box office on 07502 426721.

► **FLOWER FESTIVAL** (Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July) - please sign the lists if you can help with **stewarding** and/or with **refreshments**; 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 through the Office letter box. The **Youth Choir** will be singing 'Songs among the Flowers' on Friday 6th July from 6.30 to 7.15 pm - a mix of their gospel, pop and rock favourites - all welcome. The flower arrangers are looking for **gardening books, tools or items** for a stall at the Flower Festival - items to Carole; and for a French style **bistro chair** to borrow to use as part of a flower arrangement.

► **MESSY CHURCH** - help on the day (Wednesday 11th July from 3.00 to 6.00 pm) required this month please as Wendy M will still be in Malawi - this will be Chris and Derek McLean's last one - many thanks to them.

► The **ABBOTS LANGLEY PLAYERS'** production for the Festival is "Middle Age Spread", a comedy/drama set in the 1970s, revealing a few weeks of tension in the friendship and homelife of 3 couples. From 25th to 28th July in the Henderson Hub; for more information please pick up a flier at the back of the church.

► **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 **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 July - please take a copy (40p).

► **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** - don't forget to complete your form if you haven't done so; and put it through the office letter box.

► The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **closed** this week and next, re-opening on 16th July.

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

