

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

21st July 2019

THE FIFTH 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: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 427 - 288 - 26 - 53 - 549 -
How shall I sing that majesty
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

NO 11.15 am Holy Communion
in the Tin Church

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

12.45 pm Christening for Lyla Dear

2.00 pm Wedding of Tom Guthrie and
Hayley Hancock

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

7.30 pm Pilgrim Course on 'The Creeds' in
the Tin Church

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

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.



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 (aged 3-10) start in church;

Creche in Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church

Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am 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

Genesis 18.1-10a

Bible page 14

Here Abraham shows the full extent of Middle Eastern hospitality to the three strangers, putting the best food before them and serving them himself. It is only after they have eaten, that they reveal that they are from God when one predicts as imminent the very event that God had promised Abraham from the beginning – that Sarah would bear a son.

SECOND READING at 8.00 am

Colossians 1.15-28

Bible page 197

This passage reads like a hymn to Christ, describing how he is both divine and human, uniting heaven and earth in his very person.. Paul then describes the effect Christ's incarnation, death and resurrection have had on the sinful Colossians and how he himself gladly follows Christ's example of suffering to bring the glory of Christ to them.

SECOND READING at 9.30 am

Ephesians 2.11-21

Bible page 190

Paul here deals with a favourite theme of his; how the Jewish law failed to reconcile us to God and, in fact, only revealed the extent to which humanity sins, and kept Gentiles outside the covenant all together. Christ came to bring the law into the service of the relationship of humanity with God, so that all people could know him and love him and experience his wonderful love and forgiveness.

GOSPEL at 8.00 am

Luke 10.38-end

Bible page 69

Martha's problem with Mary was not really the workload, but the fact that Mary had crossed a boundary from women's space, the kitchen, to men's space, the reception room, from private to public. Jesus' defence of Mary tells everyone present that where he is concerned, there is no demarcation between male and female space or male and female roles.

GOSPEL at 9.30 am

Luke 22.24-27

Bible page 83

The theme of upside down living originates with Christ. This was a very difficult idea to get across because Jews and pagans alike believed that prosperity was a sign of blessing from God, or the gods. There are themes in the Old Testament, most notably in the book of Job, of material prosperity being meaningless compared to our true devotion to God. Christ constantly taught that putting God first, followed by neighbour as well as self, would lead to true wealth. His own life showed how true glory comes as a consequence of service to God and to humanity.

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.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am - 'A Clare Benediction' by John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep may his angels watch over you;
when you wake may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days
Then in heaven may you see his face.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » heaven becoming connected with earth through Jesus Christ
- » the breaking down of barriers between God and humanity
- » the pleasure of fellowship and shared creative activity with one another

PRAY FOR

- » openness to include all who seek God in the fellowship and ministry of the church
- » the perception to see Christ in all people
- » energy and ideas to share the Gospel more widely
- » all those affected by the Ebola crisis in DR Congo
- » Vanessa at the beginning of her priestly ministry
- » Rylie Curtis and Jaxson David who were christened yesterday and Lyla Dear to be christened today, all in St Lawrence
- » Tom Guthrie and Hayley Hancock to be married in St Lawrence this afternoon
- » those who live in Linnet Road, Little Graylings; Little How Croft
- » those who work for the YMCA Chaplaincy based at Woodside

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Annie Rycroft : Stan Johnson : Ben : Paul Maxted

RIP

- » Jackson Leifer : Tom Howie : Sue Hall : Phyllis Ridgeway

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 28th July 2019

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: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

11.15 am Holy Communion in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

12.15 pm Christening for Wyatt Sanders in St Lawrence

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

7.30 pm 'Micah' in the Breakspear Room

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 22nd

- 11.00 am Funeral for Jackson Leifer at the Crematorium
- 1.15 pm Funeral for Tom Howie in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 7.30 pm Ringers practice in St Lawrence tower
- 8.00 pm MAP Steering Group in the Bedmond Church

Tuesday 23rd

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

Wednesday 24th

- 10.40 am Funeral for Sue Hall in the Tin Church followed by cremation
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 1.15 pm Funeral for Phyllis Ridgeway in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Wednesday Housegroup

Thursday 25th

- 8.00 pm Housegroup at 6 Kindersley Way

Friday 26th

- 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 Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 27th

- 10.30 am to 12.00 noon Picnic Party for Christening families

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 18.20-32; Colossians 2.6-19;
Luke 11.1-13

NOTICES

► **STONERWORK APPEAL** for St Lawrence. We need to raise around £25,000 to reach our target of £102,000. Please give whatever you can, however much or little, via the Church Office or electronically via sort code: 30-99-21; account no: 01540225; name: Abbots Langley PCC; ref: Stonework. These donations are eligible for gift aid; please state if you would like us to claim the tax back. Thank you to those who have responded so far.

► Patricia Hill is holding an **OPEN GARDEN** at Willowbank, 3 Kings Meadow, Kings Langley, **this afternoon** between 2.00 and 4.30 pm in aid of Prostate Cancer. Entry £5 to include tea and food.

► **PICNIC PARTY for CHRISTENING FAMILIES** on Saturday 27th July from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon on the grass in front of St Lawrence - bring your picnic - we'll provide the games - all welcome.

► Sunday 11th August - we shall celebrate **ST LAWRENCE DAY** with a barbecue lunch in front of the church - please sign the list if you would like to stay for lunch after the Parish Communion which will begin at 11.00 am. Please also sign the list if you can provide a pudding.

► **THEATRE TRIP** - the Social Committee has booked tickets to see 'The Girl on the Train' at Wycombe Swan on Thursday 19th September leaving the lych gate at 5.45 pm. The cost is £42 per ticket to include the coach fare and driver gratuity. **One seat left** - please speak to the office if you would like it. Please can you pay if you have booked tickets - cheques payable to 'Abbots Langley PCC'.

► **GOOD NEIGHBOURS** are desperate for more **DRIVERS** to take villagers to local appointments - if you want to find out what sort of commitment is required, please speak to Linda North or Marcus Coultrup.

► **THEFT OF LEAD FROM CHURCH ROOFS** - you may have seen this has happened fairly locally recently so please keep an eye on both churches, especially if you are out and about after dark, and report anything suspicious.

MALAWI FUN DAY

treasure hunt, face painting, bouncy castle, games

Saturday 7th September

tickets available from
the Church Office

**£10 each; £3 for children; £20 family
(to include a barbecue)**

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine) is on sale for July - copies are 50p each.

► **AL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY** celebrates 25 years this year with a **Summer Exhibition** in the Henderson Hub on Saturday 27th July from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Timeline, photos, displays, artefacts. Free entry for all. To find out more about the Society see www.allhs.org.uk.

► **LESLEY CUMMINGS** would like to thank everyone who supported her in her recent 103km bike ride for breast cancer care. She completed the ride in 5 1/4 hours and has raised £1628.75 in total. An enormous amount thanks to everyone's generosity.

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