

NOTICES

► **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 on-line: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► There will be a **BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE COMMEMORATION SERVICE** organised by the Royal British Legion at the War Memorial on Monday 31st July at 7.00 pm - all welcome.

► We shall celebrate our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST LAWRENCE** on Sunday 13th August with Parish Communion at **11.00 am** (not 9.30 am) followed by a barbeque in front of St Lawrence - all welcome. Please sign the list if you are coming to the barbeque.

► **JUST TEXT GIVING** you can give to St Lawrence by texting **STLA12** followed by the amount to 70070 eg "STLA12 £10" - it couldn't be easier!

► 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.

► 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.

► **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.

► **REMEMBRANCE VASE** - please let the office know if you would like to sponsor or provide an arrangement in memory of a loved one.

► There are spaces on the **SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA** (particularly on 8th October and 26th November) - please see the rota on the table and sign up to help where you can - thank you.

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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

23rd July 2017

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Preacher: Dr Kate Carter
Reader: Pam Haggith

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Preacher: Dr Kate Carter
Hymns: 362 - 90 - 170 - 328 - 154 - 405
Readers: Jan Palmer and David Southorn
Intercessor: Sally Sanderson

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

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors and newcomers - 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. 

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: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Isaiah 44.6-8 Bible page 683

This is part of a long prayer of intercession by Isaiah which includes the confession of God as Creator and Lord of all. True intercession never stood alone in Jewish prayer, but included praise, historical retrospect, lament and confession. Thus it was the whole prayer of the people of God and represented their understanding of him and his relation to them.

SECOND READING Romans 8.12-25 Bible page 153

We are in debt to God for our salvation from the death of sin. Although we may be struggling under various kinds of suffering, yet this is nothing compared to what is to come. Not only have we human beings been redeemed, but the whole of Creation, will also be redeemed so that the glory of God will be revealed in the beauty of a new heaven and a new earth, populated with his children.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 Bible page 14

This is a lesson in humility for Christians and the Church. As human beings and as a human institution, sin is mixed up with righteousness. It is impossible to tell until the last day which is which and what the balance is in any individual life or group. Therefore we should refrain from judgement of others and of ourselves.

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

I Kings 3.5-12
Romans 8.26-end
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off: Friday

THE BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES FOR RICH PICKINGS



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(NOTE: RISKY. RELIES ON THE ABSTEMIOUSNESS OF OTHERS)

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » forgiveness and release from the slavery of sin
- » the wonder and the glory and the love of God
- » the beauty and wealth of creation

PRAY FOR

- » humility to accept that we are all mixtures of good and bad
- » perseverance to live in the way of Christ
- » Austin Brady and Millie Gillon who are to be christened today
- » all those about to go on holiday, for their refreshment and relaxation
- » Jonathan and Alexandra Walldock on their First Wedding Anniversary
- » those who worship at St Lawrence Church
- » those who live in Long Elms (inc Long Elms Close and Northcotts), Love Lane and Lysander Way

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

R.I.P.

- » Janet Roberts (Blenheim Road) :
- Julie Lockyer (Meadow Way) :
- Anne Kempster

Anthem at 9.30 am

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Composed by: Peter Tchaikovsky.
Words by: Reginald Heber

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 24th

7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

TUESDAY 25th James, Apostle

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the
Breakspear Room

10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House

WEDNESDAY 26th Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.15 am Holy Communion

7.45 pm Choir practice
8.00 pm Bereavement Visitors meeting in the
Methodist Small hall

THURSDAY 27th

3.20 pm Funeral of Janet Roberts at the
Crematorium

7.00 pm Wedding rehearsal

8.00 pm Wedding rehearsal

FRIDAY 28th

10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church

10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub

12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier
- William Herbert Tippetts

2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the
Breakspear Room

3.00 pm Funeral of Julie Lockyer in
Bedmond Church followed by
Cremation

SATURDAY 29th Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party

2.00 pm Wedding of James Christianson and
Emma Lowrie

4.00 pm Wedding of Anthony Brundritt and
Stacie Lyle

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

30th July 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: Sally Sanderson