

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

28th July 2019

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with
Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence
President; The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 362 - 90 - 170 - 328 - 154 - 405
Intercessor: Sally Sanderson

11.15 am Holy Communion
in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 362 - 90 - 170 - 405
Reader: John Noonan

12.45 pm Christening for Wyatt Sanders

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

7.30 pm 'Micah' in the Breakspear Room

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 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.



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: 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

Genesis 18.20-32

Bible page 14

A moving account of Abraham's intercession with God to save the city of Sodom. Abraham's developing intimacy with the Lord gives him the confidence to appeal to God's divine justice: if even ten righteous people were killed in the destruction of Sodom, would it be right for God to do this? 'Shall not the judge of all the earth do what is just?'

SECOND READING

Colossians 2.6-19

Bible page 198

Paul counters the errors that the Colossians have been led into, stressing that faith in Christ is sufficient for salvation, since Christ has won victory over sin and death. Instead of needing to follow other strange philosophies and practices, Christians are assured by Jesus of eternal life, set free from guilt and brought to fulfilment.

GOSPEL

Luke 11.1-13

Bible page 69

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray by his own example, and by giving them the pattern of the 'Our Father' – praising God, seeking his will, asking for needs to be met, for forgiveness and for protection. The parable of the friend at midnight contrasts human reluctance to respond to need with God's readiness to give freely: God as Father will always answer prayer and help us through the Holy Spirit.

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.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am - O Lord my God by SS Wesley

O Lord my God

Hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth

Have thou respect unto his prayer

Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place

And when thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who have shown goodness or kindness
- » that God “made us alive with Christ when he forgave us all our sins”

PRAY FOR

- » faith to approach God when we feel unworthy
- » food and water for those who are hungry or thirsty
- » all those affected by the Ebola crisis in DR Congo
- » Wyatt Sanders to be christened today in St Lawrence
- » those who live in Love Lane, Lysander Way, Magnolia Avenue
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for Paul Brooks their Lay Pastor

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 4th August 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 & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

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

12.45 pm Christening for Miley Tomkies in
St Lawrence

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

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

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 29th

7.30 pm Ringers practice in
St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 30th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in
the Breakspear Room
8.00 pm Parochial Church Council meets
In the Breakspear Room

Wednesday 31st

10.30 am Carers Network meets in the
Methodist hall
11.15 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
followed by light lunch

Thursday 1st August

8.00 pm Home Group in the
Breakspear Room

Friday 2nd

Church Office will be closed
10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson
Hub, Abbots Langley High St
2.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the
Breakspear Room

Saturday 3rd

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at
St Lawrence

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14,2.18-23;
Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

NOTICES

► **STONEMWORK 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.

► 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.

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

► **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.

► Sue Tomson has **RED CURRANTS** in her garden - if you would like to pick some please contact Sue (264946).

► The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust **SPONSORED BIKE 'N' HIKE** - Saturday 14th September - between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm have

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)**

fun visiting as many of the 600 churches and chapels taking part, raise funds for St Lawrence or the Tin Church and help save other churches in Beds and Herts - details are on the table at the back of both churches. St Lawrence received a grant from the Trust for the stonework - you might want to think about giving some back.

► **Patricia Hill** is very grateful to those who supported her Open Garden in aid of **PROSTATE CANCER** last Sunday - she raised £425.

► "This is just a short note to say **THANK YOU** to everyone at St Lawrence's for their support and prayers as I led my first communion service on Sunday. It was a joy to celebrate with you all. Also, thank you for the cake and prosecco after the service and my beautiful green stole. See you again in September. **With love, Vanessa**"

CONTACT NUMBERS

Vicar:	The Revd Dr Peter Waddell 01923 263013
Email:	vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk
Assistant Priest:	The Revd Angela Milton via the Church Office
Assistant Priest:	The Revd Guy Buckler via the Church Office
Assistant Priest:	The Revd Brian Hibberd via the Church Office
Reader:	Mrs Sally Sanderson 01923 265963
Safeguarding:	Mrs Jan Taylor 01923 262565
Church Office:	9.30 am to 1.00 pm daily 01923 261795
Email:	adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

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

