

## 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.

► 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.

► On Sunday 13th August you might want to walk off your barbeque by joining the Abbots Langley History Society's **WALK ROUND BEDMOND**. Meet in the recreation car park in Toms Lane at 2.00 pm.

► 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.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for August. Please take copies. If you know of anyone who would be interested in advertising - please let the office know.

► 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.

► **MALAWI 2018 FUND** - just over £1,084 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>

► **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!

► Extra **SIDESPEOPLE** are needed at the 9.30 am services; also for weddings. Please speak to Jane or contact the office if you would like to find out more.

► **MOLLIE BAILEY** would have been 100 years old yesterday (Saturday 29th) - there is a floral arrangement in church in her memory from her daughter Susan.

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

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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

30th July 2017

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



#### TODAY

##### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Reader: Hilary Samson-Barry

##### 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Hymns: 17 - 63 - 133 - 32 - 463 - 188  
Readers: Roger Silvester and Jan Taylor  
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

##### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: Sally Sanderson

#### 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.*

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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.

**COLLECT:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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** 1 Kings 3.5-12 Bible page 315

The rule of kings over Israel reached its peak with Solomon. At that time the rival empires of Egypt and Assyria were both in decline and their constant attempts to control the crucial trading route between Africa and the Middle East that went through Palestine were suspended. Solomon was free to show what kingly rule could be.

**SECOND READING** Romans 8.26-end Bible page 154

This is a great hymn of hope and confidence in God, working through his Holy Spirit to empower us to come to him. We have the example of Christ before us, who, although rejected by the human race, beaten and crucified, yet won through to new life in glory with God. That is the true goal of life.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 Bible page 14

These short parables reinforce the message of the great parables of the sower and the wheat and the tares. The kingdom of God is among us, but tiny, almost invisible, yet it has the capacity to sustain the life of all creation. God loves all of his creation and it is only at the very end of time that he will decide who will live and who die.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1.16-19

Luke 9.28-36

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's away till 5th August



"I HAD TO MAKE HIM MY BEST MAN. HE'S MY BEST FRIEND!"

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's perpetual and sustaining love
- » the seasons and especially at the moment, holiday time
- » the quiet working of individuals for God's kingdom

### PRAY FOR

- » children, teachers, parents, play group leaders, child minders and nannies
- » the world wide Mothers Union and the work it does supporting families
- » all people getting married this summer
- » James and Emma Christianson; Anthony and Stacie Brundritt on their marriage yesterday
- » those who worship at St Paul's Church
- » those who live in Magnolia Avenue, Mallard Road and Manohouse Gardens

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Maureen Chester and her husband Stan : Rob Sheppard : Sonya : Hazel Muskett : Brenda Murphy : Graham Drage : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

### R.I.P.

- » Janet Roberts : Julie Lockyer

### Anthem at 9.30 am

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,  
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings,  
Where the flock, in thee confiding,  
Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own  
In the love of joys unknown.

*Music composed by Johann Sebastian Bach,  
based on a Chorale melody composed by  
Johann Schop, translated from the original German  
by Robert Bridges.*

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 31st

- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldiers - Percy Coleman and William Leslie Jerram
- 7.00 pm Battle of Passchendaele Commemoration Service at the War Memorial
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

### TUESDAY 1st

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 2nd

- 10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning

### 10.15 am Holy Communion

### THURSDAY 3rd

### FRIDAY 4th

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room

### SATURDAY 5th Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

6th August 2017

### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

### 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

### 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

### 11.30 am Christening for Harry Brown

### 12.30 pm Christening for Frankie Hogan and Ella-Mai Marle

### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell