

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th July 2018

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### TODAY

**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  
Hymns: 17 - 63 - 133 - 32 - 463 - 372  
Readers: Marcus Coultrup and Carol Higgs  
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

**11.00 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris  
Hymns: 17 - 63 - 133 - 372  
Reader: Nora Greeves

**12.30 pm Christening** for Emily Marshall-Clarke

**3.00 pm Christening Family Party**  
on the land in front of the church

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

**7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** - (final session)  
'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:** 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**

Amos 7.7-15

Bible page 870

Here we have two contrasting views of religion. Amaziah, the priest, sees it as being to support the status quo; to uphold the royal family and encourage patriotism. Amos on the other hand, uses religion to call the government and leaders to greater fidelity to God's will: it will rebuke as well as encourage, and Amos will find that his message is much more unpopular than the religion that Amaziah encourages.

### **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1.3-14

Bible page 189

It is possible that these verses come from an early baptismal hymn: certainly, they elucidate how Christians have come to be called God's children. At a time when there were still disputes about the status of Gentile Christians, Paul sets out all that Christians hold in common: they are chosen, and adopted, and redeemed and forgiven. They all alike have received the Holy Spirit and are given the promise of eternal life.

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 6.14-29

Bible page 39

The passage concerns Herod Antipas (one of the sons of the Herod we know from the Nativity stories). While Jesus' following is increasing among the general populace, he is becoming unpopular with the leaders. The story of Herod and Herodias' reaction to John the Baptist's proclamation of repentance illustrates what the cost of discipleship might be.

**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.

### **ANTHEM** at 9.30 am

'Lead me Lord' Psalm 5:8, 4:9

*Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)*

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only  
That maketh me dwell in safety.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the unity that already exists among Christians
- » God's adoption of us as children

### PRAY FOR

- » a willingness to be challenged anew by the Gospel
- » all those affected by violence or oppression
- » all preparing for and taking exams at this Time
- » Sharavanan and Paulleeta Indrakumar who married here yesterday
- » Emily Marshall-Clarke to be christened today in St Lawrence
- » those who live in Langley Lane, Langley Road, Lapwing Way
- » those who worship at St Saviour's RC Church and for Frs Richard and Christopher SDS

### 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

Winifred Gostick  
Mary Eldridge

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Amos 7.7-15; Psalm 85.8-end;  
Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 16th

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

### TUESDAY 17th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall
- 8.00 pm MU meets in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 18th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the  
Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### FRIDAY 20th

- 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  
B'spear Room
- 6.30 pm Youth Choir practice in the  
B'spear Room

### SATURDAY 21st

- 2.00 pm Wedding of Andrew Boldison and  
Lisa Welch

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## NOTICES

► **CHRISTENING PARTY** this afternoon at 3.00 pm on the grass in front of the church for all christening families - bring your picnic and come and join in some fun.

► 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.

Churches Together are arranging a **SONGS OF PRAISE** on Sunday 29th June at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence followed by cheese and wine on the grass in front of the church - all welcome.

► **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.

► The **CHURCH OFFICE** will re-open tomorrow!

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

