

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



22nd July 2018

## THE EIGHTH 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 & Preacher:

The Revd Peter Waddell

Hymns: 388 - 490 - 26 - 328 - 287 - 522

Readers: Phill Higgs and Laura Furlong

Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

#### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

### 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 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:** Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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**

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Bible page 736

Here is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah. The shepherds referred to are the current leaders of Israel who have neglected the people and so destruction is about to come down upon them again in the form of an exile more devastating than the previous one. The Messiah foretold was probably thought to be a leader to restore the people after the exile, but Jesus explicitly connects himself with the prophecy in his identification of himself as the Good Shepherd.

### **SECOND READING**

I Peter 2.18-25

Bible page 231

This part of the letter is addressed to slaves! A Christian slave must have respect even for harsh and unjust masters. The example of Christ, the suffering Servant (based on Isaiah 53.5-12), is given as a model for all to copy. Suffering and humiliation can be transformed into something redemptive and inner freedom can be found.

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

Bible page 39

The Jewish leaders had continued to neglect the people and had focussed either on making them perfect, or on their own aggrandisement, or on fomenting revolution. Jesus came to care for them in all their imperfection and they responded in their thousands.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

**ANTHEM** at 9.30 am - God be in my head (Philip Wilby 1949)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the love and mercy of God shown through the compassion and tenderness of Jesus

### PRAY FOR

- » ourselves to show God's mercy and love to those who are used to criticism and condemnation
- » Andrew and Lisa Boldison who married here yesterday
- » Theodore Mitchell to be christened today in the Tin Church
- » those who live in Linnet Road, Little Graylings, Little How Croft
- » the YMCA Chaplaincy and for Chris Moffatt the Chaplain

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Lance : John Burn : Hazel Muskett : Betty Wallace : Jeff Rees : Ben : Ewan Mander : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Rosemary Tucker

### RIP

- » Julia Pink (Kindersley Way) : Denis Hopkins (Breakspear Road) : Beryl Russell (Jill Matthews' mother) : Mary Eldridge

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kings 4.42-end; Psalm 145.10-19;  
Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 23rd

- 10.45 am Burial of Ashes of Alfred Clive Wood
- 11.45 am Funeral of Mary Eldridge in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence tower

### TUESDAY 24th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

### WEDNESDAY 25th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 10.30 am Carers Network meets in the Methodist hall
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### FRIDAY 27th

- 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

## NEXT SUNDAY

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**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
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**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

**11.30 pm Christening** for Riley and Alix Linney in St Lawrence

**12.30 pm Christening** for Peyton-Bella Bridges in St Lawrence

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

## NOTICES

► 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 **SONGS OF PRAISE** on Sunday 29th July at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence followed by cheese and wine on the grass in front of the church - all welcome.

► **ST LAWRENCE** - we shall celebrate on Sunday 12th August - the main service will be at 11.00 am followed by a barbecue. Please sign the list if you would like to stay for the barbecue and if you can provide a pudding.

► The next event for the Friends of St Lawrence is Monday 12th September - our annual **CHINESE MEAL** at Aroma Kitchen, Katherine Place, Abbots Langley. For tickets please contact Sue Coultrup on 01923 334387.

► **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.

► **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.

**MESSY CHURCH** - there is no Messy Church in August so the next one will be on Wednesday 12th September in the Methodist Church and hall from 3.30 pm. They are always on the look out for more helpers - if you are ever free on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of the month please speak to Peter or to Wendy Meldrum to find out how you can help - or just turn up!

► **CONGRATULATIONS** to Roger and Lesley Silvester who have become grandparents for the first time: their daughter, Lindsey, gave birth to Faye Jennifer on Wednesday 18th July; all, including dad Rob Waller, are doing well.

► The final total for the **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION** this year is £1485 from St Lawrence with a total for the village of £2310 - many thanks to all those who donated.

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

