

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

29th July 2018

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Hilary Samson-Barry

**9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Seekers and Creche**  
in St Lawrence

President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd  
Hymns: 473 - 106 - 226 - 148 - 513 - 188  
Readers: Anne Donald and Peter Jowsey  
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

**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 CTAL Songs of Praise** in  
St Lawrence  
followed by cheese & wine

### 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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**

2 Kings 4.42-end

Bible page 346

Here we have a prototype for the miraculous New Testament feeding of the 4000 and the 5000. As a man of God, Elisha would have been entitled to the first fruit offerings to God. However, the food is not enough for the number of people who need to eat. But, as in New Testament accounts, there is more than enough for everyone to eat.

### **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 3.14-end

Bible page 190

Coming at the end of a prayer for unity between Jewish and Gentile Christians, this passage shows Paul's fervent prayer that the new Christians be rooted and grounded in the love of God, and that they begin to comprehend the greatness of God's love for them.

### **GOSPEL**

John 6.1-21

Bible page 94

Chapter 6 of John's gospel looks back backwards and forwards. Backwards, to the Old Testament, and Israel being formed as God's people in the wilderness and their reliance on him for manna (bread from heaven), and forwards, to the Last Supper and the institution of the eucharist (the word used for 'given thanks' is eucharistias), and the wedding feast of the Kingdom of God. The People think that Jesus is another prophet, like Moses. But the ways in which John uses imagery from the Old Testament show that Jesus is greater than Moses - in the coming weeks, we will hear how he calls himself the 'true and living bread', and in v20 here, he says to the disciples 'it is I' (a conscious parallel with God's name as revealed to Moses: 'I am who I am').

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**ANTHEM** at 9.30 am - 'From the rising of the sun' - Ousely (1825-1889);  
from Malachi 1.11

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
my name shall be great among the Gentiles,  
and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my Name,  
for my Name shall be great among the heathen,  
thus saith the Lord.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Jesus' gift of himself to us in the Sacrament
- » the unconditional love of God

### PRAY FOR

- » those who do not have enough to eat
- » those who feel lonely and unloved
- » Riley and Alix Linney, and Peyton-Bella Bridges 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 their Lay Minister, Paul Brooks

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### RIP

- » James Bishop (Toms Lane) : Dennis Hopkins : Mary Eldridge

## AVAILABILITY

Peter away from 2nd to 10th August inclusive

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Psalm 78.23-29; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 30th

- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence tower
- 8.00 pm Finance & Fundraising Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

### TUESDAY 31st

- 10.10. am Funeral of Dennis Hopkins in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 11.00 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier: John Edward Stevens
- 6.00 pm Wedding rehearsal in St Lawrence

### WEDNESDAY 1st August

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 pm Bell toll for WWI soldier: Hamilton Clyde Osler
- 2.00 pm Wedding of David Shepherd and Eleanor Bunting in St Lawrence

### FRIDAY 3rd

- 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 Breakspear Room

### SATURDAY 4th

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm Wedding of David Roberts and Carla Hayes

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 5th August 2018

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 9.30 am **Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President and Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
- 11.00 am **Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President and Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall
- 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: Sally Sanderson

## NOTICES

► Churches Together **SONGS OF PRAISE** is this evening at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence followed by cheese and wine in the Breakspear Room and on the grass in front of the church. Come and sing some favourite hymns chosen by members of the community as well as of the churches - all welcome.

► Because of the funeral, **TUESDAY COFFEE** this week only (31st July), will start at 11.00 am - please let those who normally come know.

► The **MOTHERS' UNION** have a bring & share lunch in the Breakspear Room for all members and spouses on Wednesday 8th August around 12.00 noon, following Corporate Communion at 10.15 am and coffee.

► **ST LAWRENCE** - we shall celebrate on Sunday 12th August - the main service will be at 11.00 am followed by a barbecue (no 9.30 am service). 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 3rd September (please note new date) - our annual **CHINESE MEAL** at Aroma Kitchen, Katherine Place, Abbots Langley. For tickets please contact Sue Coultrup on 01923 334387.

► Sue Tomson has some **RED CURRANTS** which need picking and using - please phone her on 264946 to arrange a time to pick them if you would like some.

**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!

► **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 August - please take a copy (40p).

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

