

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



27th May 2018

TRINITY SUNDAY

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: 212 - 133 - 225 - 39 - 328 - 514
Readers: Bill Sanderson and
Debbie Herrington
Intercessor: Marcus Coultrup

11.30 pm Christening for Liberty Birch

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Tuesday to Friday

Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Tuesday 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.



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 and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Isaiah 6.1-8

Bible page 645

The prophet Isaiah tells the story of his calling: a vision in which heaven and earth meet. God is seen as almighty, awesome, and powerful: it is a vision which engenders fear (it was not thought possible to see God and live), and the holiness of God makes Isaiah realise his own sinfulness. Yet Isaiah is assured that his sins are forgiven; he is called by the Most High, and Thrice-Holy God to prophesy and call his people back to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.12-17

Bible page 153

Paul often sets up a tension between the flesh and the spirit; between life in the world and life as a Christian. Here, he tells his readers that their obligation to God is to live according to the Spirit: living lives of selflessness, allowing God to work in them so that they are able to recognise him and grow closer to him (indeed, to call him *Abba* – Father). This is the obligation of filial love, not the subservience a slave owes to his master.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28.16-20

Bible page 32

The very closing lines of Matthew's Gospel are famously known as 'The Great Commission'. The disciples are instructed to spread the Good News throughout all the earth, and to baptise people in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is one of the earliest examples of what would become perhaps the best known Christian phrase of them all - and which still provides the crucial words in any baptism service here today.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

O Trinity, Most Blessed Light

Words: St Ambrose, 340-397

Translated: John M Neale, 1818-1866

Tune: C Kenneth Turner



1. O Trinity, most blessed Light,
O Unity of sovereign might,
As now the fiery sun departs,
Shed Thou Thy beams within our hearts.
2. To Thee our morning songs of praise,
To Thee our evening prayer we raise;
Thee may our glory evermore
In lowly reverence adore.
3. All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's love which overflows into creation
- » the promise of God's grace through the Sacraments

PRAY FOR

- » deeper understanding and experience of God's love
- » those who feel far from God
- » all preparing for and taking exams at this time
- » those who live in Hawthorn Close, Heather Close, Helston Place
- » those who worship at St Saviour's RC Church and for Frs Richard and Christopher SDS, the parish priests

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Peter Tomson

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off until Thursday (inclusive)

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Psalm 81.1-10;
2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 28th

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 29th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the
Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 30th

10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the
Corpus Christi Chapel
7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

THURSDAY 31st Corpus Christi

8.00 pm Eucharist in St Albans Cathedral

FRIDAY 1st June

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 2nd

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at
St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 3rd June 2018

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11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
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12.30 pm Christening for Edward Peat

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
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7.30 pm PCC meets in the Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► **TAIZE SERVICE** this evening at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence - a simple style of worship, characterised chiefly by the use of simple meditative chants, candlelight, contemplative reading of Scripture and silence. It is informal: no-one dresses up, no-one processes, people sit, stand or kneel as seems right to them. However, the informality also feels very traditional and the overall ethos is one of a gently contemplative spirituality.

► **CORPUS CHRISTI** - Thursday 31st May - Choral Eucharist in St Albans Cathedral at 8.00 pm; Carol and Nigel are going if you would like to join them.

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** is in need of the following items: long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, individual sponge puddings, cereals, biscuits - please put items in the box at the back of church which will be emptied regularly.

► The **AL Gilbert & Sullivan Society** is holding a **CLASSICAL CONCERT** in St Lawrence on Saturday 9th June at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 on the door. The programme is a mixture of solos and small ensemble pieces featuring works by Handel, Mozart, Ivor Novello, Purcell, Finzi and Vaughan-Williams. Performers include Claire Stephenson and Kathy Bunting.

► **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** is now in force and we need to be compliant. If you haven't yet completed a **Consent Form** and returned it to the Church Office we cannot now contact you! We need to know you are happy for us to store your personal information and use it for the specific purposes of this church. We will not pass on your personal information to a third party without your consent. **If you hold information eg telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, about church members, eg for producing rotas, please check with the office that we have been given permission for you to hold that information.** Please speak to Pam Rastall in the Church Office should you have any queries.

► **MESSY HELP THIS MONTH:** Messy Church often needs 'things' or help each month so we will be starting a 'Messy Help' slot! For June: jam jars please (to the church office); and help on the day - Wednesday 13th June between 3.15 and 6.00 pm in the Methodist Hall - speak to Wendy Meldrum.

► **MALAWI 2018** - if you could make a draw-string shoe bag (around 16"x10", any material) or if you have any cotton shopping bags you no longer need - the team would be pleased to hear from you. They would also like to take with them girls' and ladies' knickers (sizes 10-16) - if anyone would like to buy any when they are next shopping to donate that would be good. Thank you for your continued support.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for June - please take a copy (40p).

► **SUE TOMSON** and family have been overwhelmed by the love and kindness that they have experienced since Peter's death. The cards and letters they have received have been a great comfort. Very many thanks.

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

