

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

26th September 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Preacher: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Reader: David Staines

9.30am Parish Eucharist
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Reader: Gillian Furphy
Intercessions: Peter Waddell
Hymns: 558; 521; 54; 324; 377

11.15am Eucharist at the Tin Church
President
& Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Readings: (Numbers 11:4-29)
James 5:13-end
Mark 9:38-end.

11.30am The Christening of Thomas
Jon Mark Brooker-Grice

5.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
at St Lawrence

6.30pm Taize Service at St.
Lawrence

Returning Tonight



**Taize Service: 6.30pm on the last
Sunday of every month**

WELCOME

Welcome to 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 very welcome to receive a blessing.

Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer.



A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



If medical reasons prevent you from attending church, and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

As always you can still contact us via FB, or the Church Office on 01923 261795 or email: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk.

COMING TO A CHURCH HALL NEAR YOU..... COFFEE?

We still need just a few more volunteers to make the successful return of coffee work! The idea is that no-one should have to do it more than once every eight weeks. Please sign up at the back of church.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

READINGS:

Numbers 11:4-29 p.134
James 5:13-end p.229
Mark 9:38-end. p.43

BIBLE NOTES:

What is Jesus talking about in today's gospel when he talks about cutting off limbs that cause you to sin? Surely he's talking in a metaphorical sense? What kind of sin is he referring to, and is he talking about actual sin or metaphorical sin? There are things in all our lives that 'cause us to stumble', or cause us a problem in our discipleship journey, and sometimes we all do things that give other people a problem, which is not good either. Neither is seeing faith as a comfort blanket that we slip on when we come to church. This passage in many ways is a warning to each of us- not to drift along imagining that we are merely spectators of the faith. Each and every one of us is a participant in this adventure called living through faith.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Whole Company of Heaven

Vincent De Paul

27th September

Born in 1581 at Ranquine in Gascony, Vincent was educated by the Franciscans and was ordained at the age of nineteen. He was something of a token priest until his conversion in 1609, when he resolved to devote himself and all he owned to works of charity. He founded communities for men and, with Louise de Marillac, helped to begin the Sisters of Charity, the first community of women not to be enclosed and which was devoted to caring for the poor and sick. Vincent worked for the relief of galley slaves, victims of war, convicts and many other groups of needy people. He became a legend in his own lifetime and died on this day in the year 1660.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- * For Thomas Jon Mark Brooker Grice as he is christened today.
- * For those taking part in our START and PILGRIM courses.
- * For the PCC as it gathers for its meeting on Saturday morning.
- * For all facing financial difficulties.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Henry Bremer; Emma;
James Mote; Steve; Patricia Lakey; Marion Constable; Doreen; Roy Jenner, Hilary Martin; Sandra and Brian McIntosh, Martin Greeves; Melba Smith; Lucy Farquharson

THE DEPARTED: Jean Chalkley; Mary Symes

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 3rd October

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

- 8am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence
With the christening of Louis Day
- 11.15am: Eucharist at The Tin Church
- 11.30am: Christening of John Mark Brooker-Grice
- 5pm: **Breathing Space**
Our new style monthly service launches at St. Lawrence

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10: 2-16

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday.
Maxine's day off is Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday—Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer
St Lawrence and 'Facebook Live'

Monday 20th

2pm Tiny Tots

7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice

8.00pm Zoom Bible Study
Contact the parish office for the codes

Wednesday 22nd

11.15am 'Time for God'
Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12 noon Eucharist
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

8pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence

8pm The START Course
Breakspeare Room

Thursday 23rd

8pm The PILGRIM Course
Breakspeare Room

Friday 24th

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 25th

10am—1pm PCC 'Away Day'
Not very far away... at the Tin Church

Coming up...

'Breathing Space' starts next Sunday at 5pm at St. Lawrence. This new, monthly, service will be relaxed, informal, social—with plenty of time for contemplation, conversation, thinking and praying about the big questions of life. There'll be music, food, prayer, friendship: above all, there'll be a 'breathing space' in the middle of all our rush! Please speak to Maxine for more details.

Harvest is nearly here, and so preparations for the Harvest Lunch have begun. The meal will be on Sunday October 10th at 12.30pm. (after the service at **11.00am**). The menu will be jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings followed by Crumble and custard. The cost is £5 per head and £15.00 for a family of four. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to join.

The **Friends of St. Lawrence Fish and Chip Supper** is coming up soon: SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD. If you would like to bring your party piece along and perform at this event please contact Brenda Southorn on brenda@southorn.org.uk. If there are no volunteers it will simply be a supper with no entertainment which would be a great shame.

Also we need a pianist for the evening!! At the moment we do not have anyone. Please ask around.

Next Sunday's 9.30 Eucharist will be the last occasion on which the **Rev. Guy Buckler** leads our worship. He and Elizabeth are off, after a long wait, to their new home in Bedford. Do come and help us bid a splendid farewell to Guy (and a welcome to **Louis Day**, being christened at the same service!)

Eve Durnall is still looking for **bunches of lavender** If you're cutting any this week, please leave bunches at the back of church by noon on Wednesday and Eve will collect them. They make for great lavender bags!

Ever completely **baffled by the readings** on a Sunday morning ... or indeed by the sermon which follows them? A group of us are getting together every Monday night via Zoom to chat about what got said on Sunday morning, and the readings for the coming week. It only lasts an hour; there's no obligation to come every week, and our conversation goes in some very unpredictable directions Why not give it a shot? Speak to Tom Betteridge (churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk) for more details and the Zoom codes.

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

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