

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



15th April 2018

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Sue Tomson

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

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 9 - 324 - 133 - 226 - 56  
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

**11.00 pm Holy Communion** in Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd  
Hymns: 9 - 360 - 311 - 56  
Reader: Linda Ball

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

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

**7.30 pm Annual Vestry Meeting**  
followed by  
**Annual Parochial Church  
Meeting** in the hall

### 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, newcomers and those who have come to hear their banns of marriage read - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you have been confirmed or 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);

**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 pick up 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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 3.12-19

Bible page 117

In Jesus' name, Peter and John have just performed their first miracle, curing a man lame from birth. This is the first sign that Jesus' followers have inherited his power to heal, that the age to come has already dawned. The ancient promises of God to his covenant people are fulfilled in Jesus, and the blessings of repentance and wholeness of life are offered us by the Author of Life.

### SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-7

Bible page 237

We are God's children, not just in name only, but in reality. If this 'family resemblance' is not as clear yet as it might be because we still sin and fall short, the more we abide in Jesus, the less we will be prey to our sins, until at the last we will both see Jesus in the fullness of his glory, and be fully like him.

### GOSPEL

Luke 24.36b-48

Bible page 87

Like John's account of Jesus appearing to Thomas, Luke emphasises the physicality of the resurrection as Jesus appears to the eleven and their companions and the two disciples who have just returned from Emmaus on the evening of Easter day. Though he appears strangely and suddenly, he invites them to touch him and be sure of his living presence. He eats some grilled fish, a staple food of the time like bread and wine, which recalls how he once fed the multitude and feeds us still today. As on the Emmaus road, he helps his disciples to interpret the scriptures, and sends them as his witnesses to all nations.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem at 9.30 am

'If ye love me'

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me

Keep my commandments

And I will pray the Father

And he shall give you

another Comforter

That he

May abide with you forever

E'en the Spirit of Truth

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS

- » for the reality that we are children of God
- » for freedom to read and study the Bible
- » that we shall see Jesus and be like him

### PRAY FOR

- » those who translate and interpret Scripture
- » all who are hungry, physically and spiritually
- » those who doubt God's power to bring healing and wholeness
- » those who live in Edinburgh Drive, Edson Close, Edward Close
- » for the YMCA Chaplaincy

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Nora (friend of Nikki & Dave Williams) :  
Martyr Dicker : Pam Costello : Jeff Rees :  
Jean Harris : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Ben :  
Rosemary Tucker : Hazel Muskett :  
Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Graham Burroughs (Chipperfield) :  
Colin Smith (Hemel Hempstead) :  
Sandra Hastrick : Audrey Powell :  
Betty Murray

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4.5-12; 1 John 3.16-end;  
John 10.11-18

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 16th

- 11.30 am Funeral of Sandra Hastrick  
in St Lawrence
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice
- 8.00 pm MAP Steering Group meets in the  
Breakspear Room

### TUESDAY 17th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Mothers' Union in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 18th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion, in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi  
Chapel, St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Bereavement Visitors meet in the  
Methodist small hall

### 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  
Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

### SATURDAY 21st

- 7.00 for 7.30 pm African-themed Dinner and  
Wine-tasting in the church hall in  
aid of Malawi 2018

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22nd April 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers &  
Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 12.30 pm Christening** for Jaxson May
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

## NOTICES

► The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** and the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** are **tonight at 7.30 pm** in the church hall. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts also including the Agenda, and the Minutes from last year, are on the table. If you would like a copy of the full Accounts (25 pages) please ask in the office. A full list of current members of the **PCC** is available.

► **MALAWI 2018 - African-themed Dinner and Wine Tasting Quiz** in the church hall on Saturday 21st April, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £18 each and include a 3-course meal with wine for each course - available from the Church Office.

► There is to be a **FLOWER FESTIVAL** in St Lawrence (6th, 7th, 8th July) as part of the Abbots Langley Festival. If you would like to make an arrangement for yourself or on behalf of a group or organisation, please contact Carole Borrowdale or the church office.

► **JERUSALEM JOY** - a concert version of Roger Jones' first ever musical, which tells the story of Easter, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, will be performed as part of the Spring Concert Series on Saturday 12th May at 11.00 am in St Lawrence. Rehearsals are on Fridays 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 6.15-7.15pm, and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00-8.00 pm with a final run through on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30-8.30pm. All ages welcome, no matter what your musical ability. Under the direction of Sarah Moreton, the Youth Choir Leader ([moretons1964@gmail.com](mailto:moretons1964@gmail.com)).

► Colin Smith was a choir boy here in the early 1950s. He has recently died and his family believe there was a **RECORDING MADE OF THE CHOIR IN THE EARLY 50s** which he sang in - does anyone remember it; and more importantly know if there is a copy of the recording anywhere? We have found one early recording (a 45rpm record from 1961) but that is not the one.

► **AIMEE** and her cousins (the Sanderson grandchildren) are doing a Swimathon on Sunday 29th April in aid of Cancer Research - there is a sponsor form on the table if you would like to sponsor Aimee.

► **TRAIDCRAFT** items will be on sale during coffee this morning.

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for April - 40p per copy.

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** is in need of items - please put them in the box at the back of church **which will be emptied regularly - providing we can find someone to take the items to Watford - any offers please?!**

They write: *Because of the increased demand, we're now in the shortage situation that we don't usually reach until July - it was alarming to find ourselves running out of basics at the start of February. We've fed over 500 more individuals during the last year, compared to the year before. We've recently had to buy in many basic items which go into every food box. These items are tins of meat, fish, sugar, fruit, rice pudding, carrots, peas, tomatoes, long life milk and fruit juice. Any kind of tinned meat is welcome - chicken in sauce, stewing steak in gravy, chili con carne, or the solid meats - corned beef, ham, luncheon meat. Any sort of tinned fish is good - tuna, sardines, mackerel, but I wouldn't recommend salmon because it's so expensive now. We still have plenty of soup, baked and mixed beans, and pasta. So far we have donated 122.5 kilos of food - thank you very much.*

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

