

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** begins today (10th) at 7.30 pm, an opportunity to explore the basics about faith and and if it is for you at all. **OPEN BIBLE SESSION** beginning Tuesday 12th September at 12.30 pm, get to know the bible better. Both will be held in the Breakspear Room.

► **HURRICANE IRMA URGENT APPEAL** - there will be a special collection today - if you wish to give to the diocese for the rebuilding of churches, vicarages and grants to parishioners who have been injured, please place in the red buckets (using gift-aid envelopes where applicable).

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - many people have already signed up to this. Take a pack if you haven't already; think and pray about how much you can give; complete the form and send it off - and cancel your old standing order if you have one. If you still have the **TOKEN** from your pack please bring it to church so it can be used by those who like to put something in the collection bag as it passes along.

► If you have any **LAVENDER** in your garden that Eve Durnall could use to make lavender bags to sell for Malawi funds please let Eve or the office know. Eve also needs narrow lace for trimming the bags.

► Friends' **CHINESE NIGHT** at the Aroma Kitchen, Katherine Place. Monday 11th September, 7 for 7.30 pm tickets £16.50 from Sue Coultrup 334387.

► Donations needed please for **BEDMOND FETE** on Saturday 16th September of Bric-a-brac, books and raffle/tombola to Wendy Ball (269906).

► If you would like to **SPONSOR A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** in memory of a loved one, please contact the office 261795.

► **LEAVESDEN HOSPITALS HISTORY WALK** on Saturday 23rd September leaving Woodlands YMCA at 12.00 noon to tour the grounds, visit some of the remaining buildings and hear about the history of the hospitals 1868 - 1994. All welcome, no prebooking required and no fee.

► **"BACK TO THE FRONT" GREAT WAR PROJECT** needs help in organising a programme of events in 2018 to commemorate men and women from the local area who served in the war, and those who did not return. Contact backtothefront@hotmail.co.uk or 677507 for further details or see poster in the porch.

► Friends' of St Lawrence **CANVAS SHOPPING BAGS** are now available from the Church office - £3 each.

► **ABBOTS APPLE FEST** Saturday 23rd September from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on School Mead - fun for all the family.



MALAWI

An update concerning the **CONTAINER** - it has arrived in Malawi and the people of Malosa have received the items we sent.

No more white **SHEETS** or **TABLECLOTHS** required - enough have been received, thank you.

Five members of the Malawi Team are entering the **TOUGH TEN** on 10th October - there is a joint sponsor form on the table if you would like to support them.

MALAWI 2018 FUND - just over £1,402.75 has been raised towards the £10,000 target - a fantastic start! (This is to cover project costs in Malawi; those going are self-supporting.) If you would like to support the fund there are forms on the table for you to give by cheque or cash, or you can give on-line: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► **TINY TOTS** restarts after the summer break tomorrow (11th) at 2.15 pm in the Breakspear Room - all pre-school aged children and their parent/carers welcome.

► Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society present **TELL ME ON A SUNDAY**, starring Emma Stratton (and other soloists in Act 1) on Sunday 1st October. Two shows only, 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm at the Henderson Hub. To book call 07502 426721 or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/algss.

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

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

10th September 2017

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Linda Bullock

9.30 am All Age Communion Service
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: Jesus is the name we honour -
I will bless the Lord -
The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend) -
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12.30 pm Christening for Isabelle Wetton

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

7.30 pm Pilgrim Course begins in the
Breakspear Room

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read, visitors and newcomers - 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 at 9.30 am:



Crèche (0-3 years)
in the Breakspear Room
with suitable toys;
Seekers (3-10 years)
in the church hall,
except Second Sundays;

(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)
Quiet Children's Corner in Church

**Before the service,
listen to God;
and after the service,
listen to each other.**

If you have come to the service at 9.30 am please stay for a cup of tea/ coffee in the Church hall.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer
9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer
5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion
10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection
11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the parish & community
8.15 am Thursday

*A collection is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please use 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. If you would prefer 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 God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33.7-11 Bible page 815

Ezekiel's prophecies came out of the situation of exile under the Babylonians. Faced with despair and the people's belief that they were suffering for the sins of previous generations, Ezekiel tells them to repent: that is the way to break the power of sin. God desires life, not death, and will forgive his erring people if they turn back to him.

SECOND READING Romans 13.8-end Bible page 158

In the years following Christ's death and resurrection, the many in the Church believed that his second coming was imminent. Paul's message is to live as people who are ready for Christ's return, to embody a kingdom that is not fully of this world. His command to 'love your neighbour as yourself' is one of the bedrocks of Christian teaching. The Christian Church should be marked by love: through this, God's love will shine through.

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20 Bible page 19

Jesus is realistic about human nature and the fact that his church will contain quarrelling and disputes. He encourages his disciples to have faith (that he will be with them even in dispute), fellowship (never to forget that those with whom we disagree are brothers and sisters in Christ) and forgiveness.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 50.15-21
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off - Thursday 14th

For where
two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I
among them.
Matthew 18:20

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's forgiveness
- » those who love you

PRAY FOR

- » the Church's life to reflect Christ's love
- » those affected by Hurricane Irma
- » Anthony and Laura Hipsley on their First Wedding Anniversary
- » Jake and Phoebe Willmore who married here yesterday
- » Isabelle Wetton who will be christened today
- » those who worship at St Paul's Church
- » those who live in Parnell Close, Parsonage Close (inc Margaret House and Abbots Langley School) and Peacock Walk

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Ian Hampton : Brenda Murphy : Ben : Ewan Mander : Hazel Muskett : Sonya : Graham Drage : Elizabeth Simmons : Maureen Chester and her husband Stan : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

R.I.P.

- » John Pragnell priest (Chaplain, Leavesden and Abbots Langley Hospital 1975-1988)



THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 11th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots restarts in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 for 7.30 pm Friends' Chinese Evening at the Aroma Kitchen
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 12th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Open Bible Session in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 13th John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

- 10.15 am **Holy Communion including MU Corporate Communion**
- 10.45 am MU meets in the Breakspear Room
- 3.30 pm Messy Church at the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 14th Holy Cross Day

- 10.00 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens
- 11.00 am Flower Arrangers meeting in the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 15th Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir

SATURDAY 16th Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, 432

- 2-4.00 pm Bedmond Fete in the Village hall

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17th September 2017

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am **Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 11.00 am **Holy Communion at Bedmond**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm **Sunday Lunch Club**
- 12.30 pm **Christening for Reggie and Ralph Grant**
- 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm **Pilgrim Course** in the Breakspear Room