

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

7th October 2018

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers
and Creche** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 388 - 106 - 426 - 500 - 52 - 467
Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

11.15 am Harvest Festival at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 534 - 296 - 311 - 354
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

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

7.30 pm Confirmation Course in the
Breakspear Room

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.

Unfortunately, the 9.30 am service is, at present, **sound live** only on 'www.thesundayervice.org'. We hope to get pictures back soon.



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



Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am 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: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hears; 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

Genesis 2.18-24

Bible page 2

In this story of creation, man is presented as the original creature for whom all other creatures, including woman, were made and which man named. Naming something gives power over it because it can be referred to and thought about in a way that a nameless thing cannot. It also gives a particular identity, in this story to woman as a derivation from man. We can remain trapped in this traditional interpretation of the story, or we can instead understand it as an account of the intimate relationship and interdependence between men and women, humans and animals, created beings and God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5.25-end

Bible page 192

In this section of the letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul is giving instructions about basic Christian behaviour in the family. In so doing, it is as if he stumbles almost by accident into one of the most profound teachings on Christian marriage: that in some sense it represents, or makes real, that other union between Christ and the Church. Marriage is not just a human arrangement, it seems, but something which expresses the purposes of God for the whole creation.

GOSPEL

Mark 10.2-16

Bible page 44

Jesus completely upturns the traditional hierarchy, first of all in his teaching about marriage and secondly in his teaching about children. Men were accustomed to divorce their wives, who had no legal status in Jewish life. By divorcing a woman, a man condemned her to destitution or prostitution, unless her family were prepared to take her back. She had no prospect of remarriage. Children were the property of their father and seen as insignificant except insofar as they contributed to the family enterprise. Jesus sets children up as the example of the spiritual life and charges men to value their wives as God does.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with you Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am 'Ave Verum' - Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O lesu dulcis, O lesu pie,
O lesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Christ challenging our values
- » the love of God underlying and working in creation
- » improved recognition of the rights of women and children in the world

PRAY FOR

- » alertness to injustice in relationships
- » respect for all of creation in business, government and private life
- » the people of Indonesia following the earthquake and tsunami
- » those who live in School Mead, Seabrook Road, Sergehill Lane
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Betty Harris : Ben : Doreen Clarke : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa : Ewan Mander : Hazel Muskett

RIP

- » Jean Harris (St Albans) : Ethel Owen (Margaret House) : Hilary Phoenix (Watford)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Psalm 90.12-end;
Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 8th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Worship Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 9th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

WEDNESDAY 10th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence inc Corporate Communion for MU
- 10.45 am MU meets in the Breakspear Room
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

THURSDAY 11th

- 10.30 am Home Communion in Hanover Gardens
- 11.00 am Funeral of Hilary Phoenix in St Lawrence Followed by cremation at 4.00 pm

FRIDAY 12th

- 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

NEXT SUNDAY

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 14th October 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

11.00 am Harvest Festival in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
followed by Harvest Lunch in the hall

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris

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

7.30 pm Confirmation Course in the
Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► **HARVEST** - supporting the Watford Foodbank (see below for specific items needed) - no fresh produce please as the Foodbank won't take that - **in the Tin Church** - Harvest Festival today at 11.15 am; **in St Lawrence** - Harvest Festival at 11.00 am (no 9.30 am service) on Sunday 14th October followed by Harvest Lunch - please sign the list in church. If you can help with harvest flowers on Saturday 13th October please sign that list.

► We offer our warmest congratulations to the Revd **DAVID WARNER** on his engagement to the Revd **PENNY KING**; there is a **CARD** to sign on the table at the back of church.

► Bedmond Village Task Force: **KEEP BEDMOND BEAUTIFUL** litter picking & bulb planting on Saturday 13th October, 10.00 am at the Tin Church. Litter pickers provided; bring own gloves. Refreshments in the Church.

► Friends of the Tin Church talk on Friday 19th October at 7.30 pm in Bedmond Village Hall: "**BEDMOND PAST AND PRESENT**". John Noonan takes us on a trip down memory lane as he compares the village as it was and is now. Entry: £3 to include refreshments. The Tin Church will be open from 6.30 to 7.15 pm before the Talk in the Village Hall.

► The Back to the Front Project will be holding a **GREAT WAR EXHIBITION** in the Tin Church from Saturday 27th October to Friday 2nd November. Opening times: Saturday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Sunday, 12.30 – 4.00 pm; weekdays 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. This "pop-up" exhibition will feature the life and times of the people from local villages throughout the First World War. It will move to St Lawrence Church on Saturday 3rd November.

► The Back to the Front Project will be holding a **GREAT WAR TALK "The Man from the Bottom of My Garden"** in the Tin Church on Tuesday 30th October at 7.30 pm. Roger Yapp (Project Leader of 'Back to the Front') will tell the story of Walter Owen from Abbots Langley, and his exploits during the Great War. Suggested donation £2. Refreshments available.

► **DISCOVERING LOST WORLDS**, a talk by the Revd Anders Bergquist, trained archaeologist and former Curate in the parish. A fascinating talk about two of our most

MESSY CHURCH - Wednesday, 10th October, in the Methodist Church hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm. They are on the look out for more helpers - if you are 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!

distinguished local figures, John Evans and Arthur his son who achieved international fame in the world of archaeology. Saturday 10th November, in the church hall at 7.30pm. Entrance by ticket £5 from Church Office; light refreshments provided.

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** - current needs are pasta sauces, and canned food, especially meat, fish, vegetables and fruit; as well as all the usual (they have enough baked beans!) - also toiletries.

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

► **RED BOX APPEAL** - please put your donations of sanitary wear in the 'red box' at the back of St Lawrence in support of young women in our local schools.

► If you would like to pay for a **A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** in memory of someone or in celebration of an event, in either church, please speak to the office about dates for St Lawrence; or Wendy Ball for dates at Bedmond.

► **TIN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS** in aid of The Friends of the Tin Church are now on sale at the Tin Church.

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