

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

8th July 2018

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

in St Lawrence

President & Preacher:

The Revd Guy Buckler

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service

in St Lawrence

President & Preacher:

The Revd Peter Waddell

Hymns: My Jesus, my Saviour - 226 -

The Lord's my Shepherd - 53 - 571

10.30 am Flower Festival

in St Lawrence

10.30 am Craft Fair

in the church hall

Refreshments available from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

in St Lawrence

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

7.30 pm Pilgrim Course -

'The Commandments'

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 those who have come to hear their banns of marriage read, 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.

The 9.30 am service is **screened live** on 'www.thesundayervice.org'; no members of the congregation will be seen on film.



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: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Ezekiel 2.1-5

Bible page 783

Ezekiel is called to prophesy to the Israelites in exile in Babylon. As with all the readings today, there is an uncompromising starkness to the call: obeying God is not always easy. The people, caught up in pride and idolatry and sin will be reluctant to hear Ezekiel's message. Yet Ezekiel must speak, and declare to them the words of the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Bible page 182

Paul has had to rebut critics in the Corinthian Church on several counts. Here, it is clear that the Corinthians have judged Paul's religious experience to be lacking. He assures them that he is in a position to boast of an amazing spiritual experience (although the passage begins by talking about someone else, by verse 7 it is clear that Paul refers to himself) but he will not go into details, for that is not what gives him authority. Instead, Paul talks of the suffering he has endured: his weakness leads him to depend more fully on God, and in so doing he is able to witness to the power of God more fully than if he made boasts about himself.

GOSPEL

Mark 6.1-13

Bible page 38

As Israel rejected the prophets of the past, so now Jesus faces rejection by the people of his hometown. Must it always be difficult to perceive without defensiveness and cynicism the words of a prophet close to home? Yet Jesus does not let his rejection trouble him: he commissions the twelve to go out, preaching the gospel of repentance and reconciliation, healing and overcoming evil. They too are not guaranteed a good reception, but this is the message and the ministry they, and we, are called to proclaim.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who challenge and disturb images of God that have become too comfortable
- » all who have the courage to speak and act against injustice and wrong

PRAY FOR

- » the missionary work of the Church: that our lives and actions may make Christ known
- » God's strength where we are weak
- » all preparing for and taking exams at this time
- » those out in Malawi and for the people of Malosa
- » those who live in Kindersley Way, Kitters Green, Lancaster Way
- » those who worship at St Paul's, Langleybury and for the Revd James Webster

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

Winifred Gostick (ex Abbots Langley)
Mary Eldridge

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123;
2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 9th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence tower

TUESDAY 10th

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

WEDNESDAY 11th

- 10.15 am Corporate Communion for the Mothers' Union in St Lawrence
- 10.45 am Mothers' Union meets in the B'spear Rm
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.40 pm Funeral of Winifred Gostick at the Crem
- 3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

THURSDAY 12th

- 10.30 am Home Communion in Hanover Gardens

FRIDAY 13th

- 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 B'spear Room
- 6.30 pm Youth Choir practice in the B'spear Room

SATURDAY 14th

- 12.00 noon Wedding of Sharavanan Indrakumar and Palleeta Haggith
- 7.30 pm ALF - KL Community Choir & Harrow Apollo Male Choir Concert in St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 15th July 2018

- 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
- 11.00 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
- 12.30 pm Christening** for Emily Marshall-Clarke
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** in the Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Commandments' continues tonight in the Breakspear Room at 7.30 pm. Also on Tuesday afternoons at 12.30 pm (with lunch).

► If you haven't already had a look around the **FLOWER FESTIVAL** please do so now and visit the **CRAFT FAIR** in the church hall. Refreshments, including ploughmans lunches (12.00 noon to 2.00 pm) and cream teas (2.00 pm to 4.00 pm) are available in the marquee today.

► **MUSIC & LAUGHTER 2** performed by the AL G&S Society at the Henderson Hub - final performance this afternoon at 3.00 pm - if there are any tickets left! - great show tunes mixed with hilarious comedy numbers! - directed by Kathy Bunting and starring many familiar faces including Brenda Southorn, Emma Stratton and Jill Waghorn. Tickets from the box office on 07502 426721.

► **ABBOTS LANGLEY ORCHESTRA** perform this evening (8th July) in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. This is their Golden Anniversary Concert and also the 50th anniversary of the Community Centre. Mozart, Vaughan Williams and Tchaikovsky. Tickets on the door.

► **RED CROSS ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING** on Wednesday 11th July from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon in the Abbots House Garden (Barn if wet) - cakes, plants, books and bric-a-brac as well as refreshments.

► **MESSY CHURCH** is this week: Wednesday 11th July from 3.30 to 6.00 pm. If you can help please pop along to the Methodist Church on Wednesday; this will be Chris and Derek McLean's last one - many thanks to them.

► The **ABBOTS LANGLEY PLAYERS'** production for the Festival is "Middle Age Spread", a comedy/drama set in the 1970s, revealing a few weeks of tension in the friendship and homelife of 3 couples. From 25th to 28th July in the Henderson Hub; for more information please pick up a flier at the back of the church.

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** needs long life milk, long life juice, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, individual sponge puddings, cereals, coffee, biscuits, sugar - there is a box at the back of church.

► The **Friends of St Lawrence** are seeking a new **TREASURER** to join their committee. Accountancy experience is not required, just the ability to run a simple Excel spreadsheet and take on various banking and administration tasks. If you would like to know more please contact Andy Taylor (01923 262565).

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

► **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** - don't forget to complete your form if you haven't done so, and put it through the office letter box.

► The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **closed** this week; re-opening on Monday 16th July.

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