

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

19th September 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



## TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence  
**President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Mr Roland Maxted  
**Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Parish Eucharist  
**President:** Revd. Maxine Howarth  
**Preacher:** Mr Roland Maxted  
**Intercessions:** Mrs Sara Bedford  
**Hymns:** 202; 175; 466; 309; 279; 455
- 11.15am** Eucharist at the Tin Church  
**President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Mr Roland Maxted  
**Hymns:** 202; 175; 466; 455
- Readings:** (Wisdom 1:16-2:22)  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37
- 11.30am** The Christening of Molly  
Zaraiah
- 5.00 pm** Evening Prayer (BCP)  
at St Lawrence
- 6.30pm** The Nameless Youth Group

## Returning next week....



**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](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk).

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

The plan WAS to reintroduce coffee after the service from today .... BUT we still need more volunteers to help make it work! Please sign up at the back of church.



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

### READINGS:

(Wisdom 1:16-2:22)	p.42
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	p.228
Mark 9:30-37	p.43

### BIBLE NOTES:

The Epistle of James is well known for its emphasis on the importance of putting faith into action. In chapter 2 verse 26, James says that “faith without deeds is dead”. Today’s reading contrasts earthly “wisdom” with the wisdom of heaven. Earthly wisdom is false and based on envy and selfish ambition. These things lead to a disordered society and evil practices. By contrast, the wisdom of heaven involves humility which produces a society characterised by peace. Such humility is exemplified in our gospel reading in which Jesus shows humility by welcoming a little child. His disciples have been arguing about greatness and Jesus demonstrates that true humility lies in service to those in society who are vulnerable and have low-status. James says that if acknowledge that we lack the wisdom to understand this, we only have to ask God for it and we will receive.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## The Whole Company of Heaven

### *Michael and All Angels, 29th September*

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three named biblical angels, depicted as the beloved messengers of God. Michael, which means 'who is like God?', is described as protector of Israel and leader of the armies of God and is perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the Revelation to John. He is thus regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly those at the hour of death. A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day, and 29 September is now kept in honour of Michael and all Angels throughout the western Church.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- \* For Molly Zariah as she is christened today.
- \* For the Nameless Youth Group, and for Tiny Tots as they resume.
- \* For those joining our START and PILGRIM courses.
- \* For the PCC, as they consider the new Mission Action Plan.
- \* For refugees settling into this area.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED  
Henry Bremer; Emma; Mary Symes;  
James Mote; Steve; Patricia Lakey; Marion  
Constable; Doreen; Roy Jenner,  
Hilary Martin; Sandra and Brian  
McIntosh, Martin Greeves; Melba Smith.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Sunday 26th September

The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

- 8am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.15am: Eucharist at The Tin Church
- 11.30am: Christening of John Mark  
Brooker-Grice
- 5pm: Evening Prayer (BCP) at St.  
Lawrence

**6.30pm Taize Service relaunches!**

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
James 5:13-end  
Mark 9:38-end

## 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 PCC (@Bedmond)

### 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  
*Breakspear Room*



### Thursday 23rd

8pm The PILGRIM Course  
*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 24th

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal  
*Breakspear Room*

## Coming up...

**Friends of St Lawrence** - Saturday 25th September, 11.30am to 4pm, Guided Tours at St Lawrence. Come along and enjoy a guided tour (approx 20 mins), find out about the history of the Church and the people who worshipped there. There's a children's trail and a display about the fire which destroyed much of the building in 1969. 2021 is the 50th Anniversary of the church's rededication after the fire. Come along, take part in a guided tour or simply take a look around the church and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake. Tours free, donations welcome. For further details contact [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com).

At this event there will be a small display about the **fire of 1969**. We would like to have some personal memories in the display from those who were there and witnessed events. If you are happy to help us, or know someone else who might be able to, please get in touch with Bill Sanderson or Wendy Meldrum.

**START and PILGRIM** courses begin this week on Wednesday and Thursday evenings respectively. The START course is ideal for newcomers to the faith, or those just interested in discovering more. PILGRIM is for those a little bit more settled in the faith, and this time will be looking especially at the Lord's Prayer. For further details, speak to Peter or Maxine.

We launch a new service at the beginning of October! **'Breathing Space'** will take place on the first Sunday of every month at St. Lawrence. It 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.

The **Parish Office** is operating limited opening hours at the moment, as unfortunately Lucy our Administrator is unwell. The office should be staffed between 10am and 11am daily, and emails / voicemails are being retrieved throughout the day. Please bear with us if things seem a little slower or more inefficient than usual—they will be!



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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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