

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

12th November 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT / REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** David Staines
- 9.30am** Second Sunday Service at St
Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- 10.50am** Act of Remembrance at the
War Memorial
St Lawrence Churchyard
- 11.15am** Remembrance Service
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- 3.00pm** Remembrance Service
The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Readings:**
- Amos 5:18 - 24 (P. 869)
(1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - end) (P. 202)
Matthew 25: 1 - 13 (P. 27)
- 5.00pm** BCP Evening Prayer

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers! Do please make yourself known, and stay for refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. If for any reason you'd rather not, do come for a blessing instead, bringing the service booklet with you as a sign that's what you'd prefer.



Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer at communion. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.

Our main Sunday morning service is filmed for live video streaming as well as other special services and can be viewed at www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley or via our website www.abbotslangley.org.uk.

Recordings may also be retained and made available through other sites (e.g. Facebook and YouTube). The objective of this is to provide accessibility to those who are unable to attend.

For those unable to attend church due to medical reasons, we will be delighted to bring communion to you at home: please do ask! A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



No refreshments will be served today after the 9.30am service due to the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.



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COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

BIBLE NOTES:

As we move towards Advent, the themes of our readings shift ever more towards those of waiting, expectancy, and preparation. Note in the Gospel that we are once again confronted with a wedding feast—a favourite Gospel image for the end of all things, seen above all in terms of joyful celebration. All things will end in joy—this is wonderfully good news. However, we must be ready for it, must be living as it were in tune with our destiny. Otherwise, the parable concludes sternly, it is not impossible that we might find ourselves shut out.

Margaret of Scotland

16 November

Born in the year 1046, Margaret was the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England but educated in Hungary, where her family lived in exile during the reign of Danish kings in England. After the Norman invasion in 1066, when her royal person still was a threat to the new monarchy, she was welcomed in the royal court of Malcolm III of Scotland and soon afterwards married him in 1069. Theirs was a happy and fruitful union and Margaret proved to be both a civilising and a holy presence. She instituted many church reforms and founded many monasteries, churches and pilgrim hostels. She was a woman of prayer as well as good works who seemed to influence for good all with whom she came into contact. She died on this day in the year 1093.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Israel and Gaza, and conflict zones around the world
- For the Church of England General Synod as it meets
- For the parish of St. Peter's, Watford
- For all for whom winter will be hard, especially our homeless.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly;
Jan Sanders; Greta Mowat;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Grace Lilian Hickling; Frances Kirkpatrick;
Robin Smith; Doreen Wilson;

NEXT SUNDAY

19th November 2023

The Second Sunday before Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12 - end (P. 889)
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11 (P.202)
Matthew 25: 14 - 30 (P. 27)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 13th November

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 14th November

12.15pm Funeral of Grace Hickling

The Church of the Ascension

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 15th November

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 16th November

Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

12.30pm Bible Group -

Women in the Old Testament

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 17th November

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

10.30am Ceremony for Sir John Evans

St Lawrence Churchyard

2.00pm Craft and Chat

Breakspear Room

Saturday 18th November

7.00pm Malawi Gourmet Evening

St Lawrence Church Hall

There is no collection during today's service. If you would like to give this morning, please use the contactless giving point at the back of Church, or just leave your gift on the offering plates at the back. Thank you.

Many of our worshippers **support the work of the Parish financially** through regular planned giving. If you don't yet, please do—ideally using the Parish Giving Scheme. It is really easy to do: just visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Abbots Langley and Bedmond'. Alternatively, please call 0333 002 1260. For any queries about giving to the parish, please email: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

The Malawi Project Gourmet Dinner with Entertainment - Saturday 18th November 2023 doors open at 7.00pm. £18.50 per person. Table of 6 or join another table. 100% of money raised will go to Malawi Projects. Tickets available from Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or David Adams: david.adams31@ntlworld.com

Women of the Old Testament. This new group continues to meet, Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!) in the Breakspear Room. Contact Helen for more info and pre-reading!

A quick reminder that Sunday lunch is today at 1.00pm in the church hall.

There will be no 11.30am service at Bedmond today due to the Remembrance Service in St Lawrence Church. There will however, be a Remembrance Service at Bedmond at 3.00pm.

No refreshments will be served today after the 9.30am Second Sunday service due to the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50am.

Seniors Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 13th December 2023, 1pm @ St Saviours Parish Centre. Bookings should be sent to St Saviours Parish Office by Wednesday 15th November. There is no set ticket price, but donations are accepted on the day for the food.

The Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas coffee morning, Saturday 25th November St Lawrence church hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Make sure you put the date in your diaries! Come along and enjoy our famous bacon and sausage butties, a cup of coffee and a cake! Come and buy those last minute Christmas presents and stocking fillers!

Coffee rota - thank you to everyone who helps by providing coffee on a Sunday in the hall. We have a few gaps in the rota. If you are able to help out on any of dates please let Carol or Amanda know: 24th March, 30th June, 7th July, 29th September.

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