

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

2nd February 2025
CANDLEMAS



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Hilary Causer
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Kathryn Sanders
- Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Halina Pawluk-Yaman
- Readings:**
Malachi 3: 1 - 5 (P. 904)
(Hebrews 2: 14 - end) (P. 216)
Luke 2: 22 - 40 (P. 56)
- Hymns:**
497: Let all the world
Psalm 24
360: Faithful vigil
324: Sweet sacrament divine
435: Glorious things of thee are spoken
- 5.00pm** Choral Evensong
at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group
St Lawrence Church

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.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion here. 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!



Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.30am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PSALM 24:

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For He has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in His holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek Him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.'

POST COMMUNION:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

ANTHEM:

Out of the Stillness

Richard Shepherd

Out of the stillness of dark before dawn,
In the still and the quiet and the damp of the night,
The morning star glimmers alone in the sky:
Signal of day, herald of light.

Deep in the stillness of anguish and fear
Lie hopes that were shattered by death and by doubt,
The husk of a dream lies empty and crushed,
Mind seeks for meaning, heart flickers out.

Out of the stillness the dawn comes again
Darkness is vanquished and hope is renewed.
The sun has arisen, never to set,
A new day is dawning with heaven suffused.

Death with its terrors at last overcome
By one burst of light, by one gift of love.
Wholeness and healing and hope in his arms,
The sun has arisen with life for the world.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For peace in the Holy Land
- For the bereaved
- For the parish of St. Luke's Watford
- For our emergency services

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Alan Alexander; Joyce Sones; Graham Page;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Emlyn Parry; Stephen Murray; Sandra Smalley; Murray Stuart-Smith; Astrida

NEXT SUNDAY

9th February 2025

The Fourth Sunday Before Lent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm Breathing Space -
Is three a crowd?

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8 (9 - end) (P. 645)
1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 (P. 172)
Luke 5: 1 - 11 (P. 59)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and Tuesday.
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 3rd February

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Social Committee Meeting

Mainspring

Tuesday 4th February

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 5th February

10.00am - 12.00pm Coffee Morning

The Tin Church

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

2.00pm - 3.30pm Compassionate Café

Breakspear Room

6.30pm Youth Choir practice

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir practice

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 6th February

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 7th February

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 8th February

11.00am Children and Young People

Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

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.paritygiving.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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

Friends and Faith is back, meeting every Thursday at 8pm in the Breakspear Room, and is looking at the Lord's Prayer. Everybody is welcome, ask Peter for more details.

Friends of St Lawrence: Evening out at La Banq, Monday 10th February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. After the great success of this fundraising event for the Friends last year, we are holding another evening at La Banq in February this year. Do come along and enjoy wonderful food and great hospitality at La Banq. £20pp for a two course meal. Buy your own drinks. For tickets contact Wendy Meldrum wendymeldrum@gmail.com or contact the Church Office on 01923 261795

Helen is taking the 10.00am service at St Paul's, Langleybury

We are delighted to announce that **The London Central Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army** will be holding a concert in St Lawrence Church on Saturday 22nd February at 7pm. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Retiring collection. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Breathing Space - Is three a crowd?

Discussing love and relationships in a changing world. Sunday 9th February at 5.00pm in St Lawrence Church. Refreshments will be provided. All opinions welcomed and all are warmly welcome to attend.

Coffee Morning at The Tin Church - Wednesday 5th February 10am - 12pm.

Filter coffee and a selection of teas available. Cakes, homemade cards and home produce, books and bric-a-brac on sale. All are very welcome and we hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Watford Foodbank. The items that are most needed at the moment are:

Cereals, Milk (long life), Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Custard, Jam, Tea/Coffee, Mashed Potato, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Biscuits/Snack Bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeneys. Thank you.**

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