

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY
 St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley
 with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
 11th October 2026
 HARVEST FESTIVAL



TODAY		WELCOME
8.00am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church	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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell	
Reader:	David Staines	
11.00am	Harvest Festival at St Lawrence Church	Refreshments will be served in the Breakspear Room after the 11.00am service today due to the Harvest Lunch in the hall.
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell	
There will be NO 11.30AM SERVICE at The Church of the Ascension today. Readings: Isaiah 25.1–9 (P. 662) Philippians 4.1–9 (P. 196) Matthew 22.1–14 (P. 23) Hymns at Bedmond: 558 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 494 King of glory, king of peace 594 The Lord's my shepherd 453 Great is thy faithfulness		
5.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>St Lawrence Church</i>	www.abbotslangley.org.uk



THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION:

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

‘Most of our lives are about doing: they should also be about being and becoming. For we have this extraordinary capacity, the capacity to love, to give ourselves in love and to delight in receiving it; and our destiny as lovers-in-the-making is to share (if we desire it) in ‘the Love which moves the sun and the other stars’, which is none other than God himself. We are programmed for nothing less. This is why we are restless, homesick, aware of a sense of incompleteness and dissatisfaction, and—strangest of all—aware too of an altruistic desire to reach out to others, to go beyond the narrow world of our self-concern. In Thomas Traherne’s *Centuries*, he writes of how each of us is ‘as prone to love as the sun is to shine’ and adds, ‘never was anything in this world loved too much, but many things have been loved in a false way, and all in too short a measure.’ (Michael Mayne, *Pray, Love, Remember*, p.85)



MESSY CHURCH:

This Wednesday 14th October 3.30–5.45pm at the Methodist Church. Please contact Wendy wendymeldrum@gmail.com if you and your child/ren would like to attend.



Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop of York

12th October

Wilfrid, or Wilfrith, was born of a noble family in Northumbria in about the year 633. He was educated at the monastery of Lindisfarne, but disapproved of what he judged to be their Celtic insularity. He journeyed to Canterbury and then to Rome. He spent three years at Lyons and was there admitted as a monk. He was appointed Abbot of Ripon and took with him the Roman monastic system and Benedictine Rule, which he immediately introduced. At the Synod of Whitby, his dominance was largely responsible for the victory of the Roman party over the Celts and, when he was elected Bishop of York, he went to Compiègne to be consecrated by twelve Frankish bishops rather than risk any doubt of schism by being ordained by Celtic bishops. There were upsets first with Chad and then with Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury, but the Roman authorities took his side and he was eventually restored to his See. After further disputes, he resigned the See of York and became Bishop of Hexham, spending his remaining years in the monastery at Ripon. His gift to the English church was to make it more clearly a part of the Church universal, but his manner and methods were not such as to draw people close to him at a personal level. He died on this day at Ripon in the year 709.

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
• The parish of All Saints South Oxhey with Carpenders Park • The Nameless Youth Group • The staff and residents of Warren Court • The homeless FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Elizabeth Pazzi-Axworthy, Jenny Perman	Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i> <u>Monday 12th October</u> 10.00am Coffee Morning <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Tuesday 13th October</u> 10.30am Tiny Tots <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Wednesday 14th October</u> 11.00am Mothers' Union Meeting <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 3.30pm Messy Church <i>Methodist Church</i> 6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 8.00pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Thursday 15th October</u> 2.00–7.00pm CTAL Baby Loss Event with the Global Wave of Light at 7.00pm <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 8.00pm Alpha Course <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Friday 16th October</u> 10.00am Tin Church Craft Group <i>The Tin Church</i> 2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Saturday 17th October</u> 6.30pm Harvest Supper <i>The Tin Church</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday 18th October 2026 20th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church 1.00pm Sunday Lunch at the St Lawrence Church Hall 5.00pm Taize Service at St Lawrence 6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at St Lawrence Church Hall	
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
8.00am/9.30am: Isaiah 35.3-6 (P. 673) Psalm 147.1-7 (P. 593) 2 Tim 4.5-17 (P. 211) Luke 10.1-9 (P. 68) Bedmond: Deut 8.7-18 (P. 172) Psalm 65 (P. 539) 2 Cor 9.6-end (P. 180) Luke 12.16-30 (P. 71)	
AVAILABILITY	
Peter is out of the Parish on Monday and Tuesday, and off on Friday this week.	

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 or scan the QR code. 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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

Time and Talents: A final call for 'Time and Talents' leaflets to be returned to the wooden ballot box at the back of the church or to the Church Office. Additional leaflets can be found at the back of the church.

We're delighted to announce that Mary Spire, Joe Halford and Tim Grosvenor will be baptised and confirmed, and that Stephen Chiles, Thomas Shephard and Sabrina Grosvenor will be confirmed at **7.30pm on 24th October at St Albans Cathedral**. Everyone is welcome!

The Tin Church Harvest Supper: Saturday 17th October, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost £7. Ploughmans Supper & Pudding. Limited places—payment required by 12th October in an envelope with your name on it to the Church Office or Anne Goldsmith. Please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drink & a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

Baby Loss Awareness Week: Thursday 15th October, 2–7pm at St Lawrence Church. Drop in throughout the day to light a candle and join us at 7pm for the Global Wave of Light.

There will be no 11.30am service at Bedmond today due to the Harvest Festival Service at St Lawrence Church.

Alpha Course: A brilliant chance to explore the Christian faith. Every Thursday 8–9.30pm. From 24th September–26th November at St. Lawrence Church.

Friends Quiz: Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's Quiz. It was an enjoyable occasion and a great fundraising success for the upkeep of our lovely Church building. Final figures announced next week.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration. Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.



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