

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

30th November 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Hilary Samson-Barry

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President: Preacher: Revd Helen Neville
Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Debbie Herrington

Intercessions: Brenda Southorn

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 (P. 641)

(Romans 13: 11 - end) (P. 158)

Matthew 24: 36 - 44 (P. 26)

Hymns:

2: Christ whose glory fills the skies
Psalm 122

24: Come thou long expected Jesus

309: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

29: Hills of the North

3.30pm The Spark Service in the Church Hall

6.30pm Advent Carol Service at 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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-



Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



I was glad when they said: 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

PSALM 122:

Response: *I was glad when they said: 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'*

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem;

Response:

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Response:

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

Response:

For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Response:

ANTHEM:

The King shall come when morning dawns

Words: Unknown author. Translated by John Brownlie

Music 'Morning Song' by John Wyeth

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that aye shall last.

And let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns,
and light and beauty brings;
"Hail, Christ the Lord!" Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings!

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Bushey Parish
- For the Peace Hospice
- For Bedmond Academy
- For prisoners

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis; Mike White

FOR THE DEPARTED

Ann Rosemary Johnson

NEXT SUNDAY

7th December 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- 5.00pm Breathing Space - Should Christmas be Banned? In St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm Nameless Youth Group in Breakspear Room

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 (P. 650)
Romans 15: 4 - 13 (P. 159)
Matthew 3: 1 - 12 (P. 2)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.
Helen is off on Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 1st December

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

6.30pm Scout Christingle Service

St Lawrence Church

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 2nd December

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

5.30pm Abbots Langley Primary

Year 5 Carol Concert

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 3rd December

10am - 12pm Christmas Coffee Morning

Tin Church

12.00pm Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

2pm - 3.30pm Compassionate Café

Breakspear Room

6.30pm Junior Choir rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 4th December

10.15am Bell Ringers

St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Abbots Langley Primary

Christingle Service

St Lawrence Church

6.00pm Christmas Lights Switch On

St Lawrence Churchyard

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 5th December

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

6.30pm Monthly Quarter Peal Attempt

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 6th December

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

7.30pm The Watford Band

St Lawrence Church

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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

The Advent Carol Service IS TODAY! At 6:30pm in St Lawrence Church. Come and enjoy beautiful music, meaningful readings, and the peaceful start of the Advent season. All are warmly welcome.

Please join us for our **Christmas Coffee Morning at the Tin Church.** Festive refreshments and stalls. **Wednesday 3rd December from 10am to 12 noon.** All are welcome.

The Christmas Light Switch On takes place on **Thursday 4th December at 6pm in St Lawrence Churchyard.** Come and enjoy the festive atmosphere as we light up the season - **hot chocolate will be served!**

The Watford Band are back on **Saturday 6th December at 7:30pm in St Lawrence Church,** featuring their development band *Brass Beats*. Tickets: Adults £10, Children FREE. Available on the door or in advance

via Ticketsource: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband> or by calling 07796 175838.

Breathing Space - Should Christmas Be Banned? Sunday 7th December 5pm in St Lawrence Church. A chance for open and friendly discussion in a welcoming atmosphere as we explore this thought-provoking question. Festive refreshments will be served. All opinions welcome. Everyone is warmly invited.

The **Kings Langley Community Choir** will perform a concert in St Lawrence Church on **Friday 12th December at 7pm.** Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to enjoy an evening of wonderful music!

Children's Christmas Workshop Saturday 13th December 2pm – 4pm in St Lawrence Church Bring your little elves! Children and their parents/carers are invited to enjoy some festive crafts, hear the Christmas story, and treat themselves to some lovely refreshments. Please let the church office know if you'll be joining the fun:
adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

Nine Lessons and Carols - 21st December If you can help the Social Committee by donating some mince pies for mulled wine and mince pies in the Church hall after the 6.30pm services on 21st December, please sign the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.**