

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS Langley

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

**8th February 2026**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**



## 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

**11.30am** Eucharist at The Tin Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Wendy Ball

### Readings:

Genesis 1: 1 - 2.3 (P. 1)

Romans 8: 18 - 25 (P. 154)

Matthew 6: 25 - end (P. 6)

### Hymns at Bedmond:

2: Christ, whose glory fills the sky  
383: Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
507: Lord of all hopefulness  
386: Be thou my vision

**5.00pm** Breathing Space at St Lawrence Church - *How can the Church survive?*

*Helen is training all weekend.*

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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.

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



## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### MALAWI QUIZ NIGHT:

SAT MARCH 7TH

**CHURCH HALL 7PM:** Come and join in the fun. £15pp includes a two course supper. BYO drinks. Tables of 8, make up your own table or join one on the night. Please contact Wendy Meldrum at [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or the Church office: 01923 261793

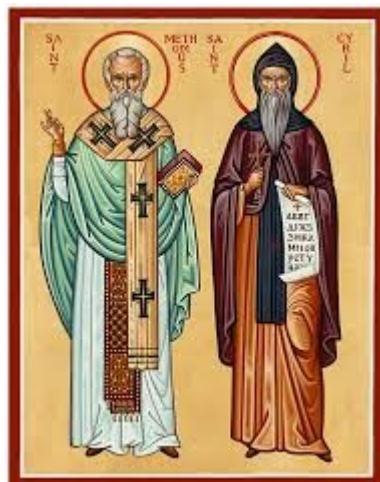
**Now is the time to return your Palm Crosses** from last year so that we can use them to make the ash for our Ash Wednesday service at 8pm on 18th February.



### Cyril & Methodius

14 February

Cyril and his older brother Methodius were born in Thessalonica, both developing in their youth the ability to speak several languages, including Slavonic, a language not yet written down, at least in an alphabet understood by others. Cyril created the Slavonic alphabet and set about translating the Scriptures and other liturgical texts into the language. They established the church in Moravia, but in so doing entered into the controversy between indigenous and centralised religious practices and worship. Cyril died on this day in the year 869, whilst the brothers were in Rome, there to obtain papal approval for their evangelistic work. Methodius returned to Moravia as archbishop, where he completed the translation of the Bible and continued the missionary work. He died in the year 885. Today they are revered in both Christian East and West and, as such, are seen as patron saints of ecumenism between these two great branches of Christendom.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of St John's, Watford
- For Messy Church
- For the work of Watford New Hope
- For the armed forces

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Janet Boundy, Ann Staines; Clive Moon

## FOR THE DEPARTED

Frank Wadl; Eve Durtnall; Libby Davis; Tony Smith; Ted Rimell

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Sunday 15th February 2026

#### The Sunday Before Lent

8.00am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
9.30am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
11.30am	Eucharist at the Tin Church
5.00pm	Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
6.30pm	Nameless Youth Group in the Breakspear Room

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 24: 12 - end (P. 72)  
2 Peter 1: 16 - end (P. 234)  
Matthew 17: 1 - 9 (P. 17)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and on annual leave  
Thursday 12th - Tuesday 17th February.

Helen is on a residential 6th - 8th February

## THE COMING WEEK

**Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**  
Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Monday 9th February

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

7pm FOSL Meal  
*La Banq*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Tuesday 10th February

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*St. Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Discipleship Committee Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

### Wednesday 11th February

11.00am Mothers' Union  
*Breakspear Room*

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St. Lawrence Church*

3.30pm Messy Church  
*Methodist Church*

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Friday 12th February

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat  
*The Tin Church*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*The 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 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](http://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](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE: MEAL AT LA BANQ. MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 7PM FOR 7.30PM.** This event is back by popular demand. Price is the same as last year at £20pp. Please book your place. Contact Wendy Meldrum on [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or the Church Office on 01923 261795.

**Celebrating Helen's Curacy** - Helen's final Sunday in the parish will be **Sunday 22nd February**. There will be a celebration to mark the end of her curacy after the 9.30am service that morning. **Please note that there will be no Bedmond service that week.** If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Helen, donations can be made: by bank transfer (payment reference: HN), or by cash, in an envelope, handed in to the office. Helen's licensing as Vicar of Bricket Wood will take place at **7.30pm on Monday 23rd**

## CONTACT DETAILS

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**Churchwardens:** Tom Betteridge and Richard Baldwin ([churchwardens@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@abbotslangley.org.uk))

**March.** Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

### HELP NEEDED IN THE MESSY

**CHURCH KITCHEN** - if you are able to help once a month at Messy Church in the kitchen, please contact Wendy Meldrum: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com)

**If you would like an entry in the Book of Remembrance** for a loved one, please contact the church office to request an application form. Completed applications must be returned to the office by **Wednesday 18th February** to be included before the book is sent to the calligrapher for updating.

**Lent Course - The Eucharist: What's it all about?** Starting Thursday 19th February at either 1pm - 2.30pm or 8pm - 9.30pm in the Breakspear Room. For more information speak to Peter or email [vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Baptisms and Confirmations** - Would you like to be baptised or confirmed? This is happening in St Albans Cathedral, at the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Saturday 4th April. We're hoping to bring several candidates. Please speak to Peter ASAP if interested!

**The funeral of Eve Durtnall** will be on Thursday 26th February at 10.30am in St Lawrence Church.

**Junior Choir Jumpers!** Anyone who has previously had a child in the junior choir (however long ago!) please can you have a look to see if you have any old jumpers at home as we are running very low. Please hand them to Marianne or the church office.

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