

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

21st September 2025

MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Dennis Spooner
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Lizzie Hood
- Reader:** Phill Higgs
- Intercessions:** Roland Maxted
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Lizzie Hood
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**
Proverbs 3: 13 - 18 (P. 597) (8am)
2 Corinthians 4: 1 - 6 (P. 177)
Matthew 9: 9 - 13 (P. 8)
- Hymns:**
250: All creatures of our God and King
(vv.1,3,5,7)
Psalm 119: 65-72
533: O for a heart to praise my God
581: Take my life, and let it be
530: Now thank we all our God
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group Breakspear Room

Peter is taking the 10.00am service at St Matthew's, Oxhey

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 Church Hall after the 9.30am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son, called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us the grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM: 119: 65-72



Response: Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments

You have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word O Lord. O teach me true understanding and knowledge, for I have trusted in your commandments.

Response

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are gracious and do good; O Lord teach me your statutes.

Response

The proud have smeared me with lies, but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart. Their heart has become gross with fat but my delight is in your law.

Response

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is dearer to me than a hoard of gold and silver.

Response

ANTHEM:

'Lead me, Lord' by *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Lead me Lord in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

As part of her training, Helen is away on placement at a parish in Bradford. She returns on Tuesday 23rd September.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all involved in local government
- For St Luke's Parish Church
- For our local emergency services
- For the local nurseries and pre schools

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Jane Anderson; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Rob Sheppard; John Swallow

FOR THE DEPARTED

Charlie Proctor; Norma McBarnette; Richard Batchelor; David James

NEXT SUNDAY

28th September 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 8.00am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 9.30am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 11.30am | Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension |
| 3.30pm | The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church |

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-50 (P. 268)
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10) (P. 182)
Matthew 11:25-30 (P. 11)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday
Helen is away from the parish on placement in Bradford until 23rd September and is off on Friday 26th.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 22nd September

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 23rd September

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Gravetalk Event

Elvira's, Henderson Hub

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 24th September

12.00pm Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 25th September

10.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 26th September

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

11.30am Funeral of Charlie Proctor

Hemel Hempstead Crematorium

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

7.30pm The Bedmond Pioneers Talk

The Tin Church

Saturday 27th September

6.30pm G&S 75th Anniversary Concert

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

Gravetalk – Tuesday 23rd September, 7:30pm. Churches Together in Abbots Langley invite you to an informal, café-style evening at Elvira's (Henderson Hub), offering a relaxed and welcoming space to explore conversations around death, dying, and funerals. A chance to connect with others open to honest, thoughtful and even light-hearted conversations about death in a your free place, email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

Friends and Faith returns on Thursday 25th September, with a six week course looking at the Creeds. Open to everyone who wants to make friends and explore the faith, and especially useful for anyone in being baptised or confirmed at the end of October. Speak to Peter to find out more...

Talk on the "Bedmond Pioneers" by John Noonan & reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms. **Friday 26th September at 7.30pm** in the Church of the Ascension. Learn

about the Bedmond Pioneers and their efforts to raise funds and morale during WW2. **Tickets: £5 in advance from John Noonan on 07856 732672 or on the door (includes refreshments).** All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church.

WHERE IT ALL STARTED! G&S CONCERT OF SONGS. SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER. AT 6.30PM Come along to the Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Concert of songs in celebration of its 75th Anniversary with G&S singers past and present. Entrance free, retiring collection for Friends of St Lawrence and Abbots Langley G&S, venue... St Lawrence Church.

PLACES ARE LIMITED. CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HARVEST SUPPER. Friday 3rd October, 6.30 for 7pm. Ploughmans supper & pudding. Cost £7. Sign up sheet will be at the back of both Churches. Payment required by **29th September** please, in an envelope with your name on, to the Parish Office or give to Anne Goldsmith. On the evening, please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drink and a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

12th October St Lawrence Harvest Festival service will be at 11am. There is a harvest lunch following the service. If you would like to come to the lunch please make sure you sign the list before 8th October so we can know numbers.

Friends of St Lawrence Quiz Night: 18th October 7pm Church Hall. See Wendy Meldrum for tickets. More details later!

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.***