

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

4th August 2024

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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 Peter Waddell

Reader: Gillian Furphy

Intercessions: Brenda Southorn

11.30am Eucharist at
The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
(2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12, 13a) (P. 293)
Exodus 16: 2 - 4, 9 - 15 (P. 64)
(Ephesians 4: 1 - 16) (P. 191)
John 6: 24 - 35 (P. 94)

Hymns:
543: O praise ye the Lord
418: Father, Lord of all creation
507: Lord of all Hopefulness
565: Rock of Ages
455: Guide me O thou great Redeemer

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

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 service.**



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COLLECT:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

'Social isolation is itself as harmful to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, and more harmful than obesity.' (J. Sacks, *Morality*, p.30)

'My business, my only business, is to bring the truth of God as I see it, and then simply to love you regardless of what you do or don't do. It is not my business to straighten you out or get you to do the right thing.' (An anonymous mentor, quoted by Roger Foster in *Money, Sex and Power* p.207)

The Transfiguration of our Lord

6 August

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mount is told in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and Peter refers to it in his Second Epistle. Each time, it is made clear that that is not only the messenger but also the message: God's salvation is for all and Christ is that Saviour. The testimony of the law and the prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses and Elijah and the event also pre-figures the resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of All Saints Leavesden
- For peace in the Middle East
- For all affected by the murders in Southport
- For all victims of abuse

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Marie Hutchins; Jenny Mitchell; Bernie Eamer; Olwen Sandwell

FOR THE DEPARTED

Brian Higgs; Bob Andrews; Barbara Dickenson

NEXT SUNDAY

11th August 2024

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.00am St Lawrence Patronal Festival
St Lawrence Church,
followed by BBQ
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 18: 5 - 9; 15, 31 - 33 (P. 302)
1 Kings 19: 4 - 8 (P. 336)
Ephesians 4: 25 - 5:2 (P. 191)
John 6: 35, 41 - 51 (P. 95)

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 5th August

Church Office is closed

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 6th August

Church Office is closed

2.00pm Funeral of Brian Higgs
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 7th August

Church Office is closed

10.00am Coffee Morning
The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 8th August

Church Office is closed

Friday 9th August

Church Office is closed

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
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.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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Rev. Helen Neville is presiding and preaching at the 10am communion service at St. Paul's Langleybury, as that parish is currently without a vicar.

Brian Higgs' funeral will be held in St Lawrence Church on 6th August at 2pm. The family would like to invite you to join them at St Lawrence and at the Royal Oak after the service. To help them cater for the right numbers it would be helpful if you let Carol 0779 190 1759 know if you are able to be with them.

Open Garden The Bishop of St Albans' Hidden Garden - A two acre oasis in the heart of the City of St Albans Sundays between 9 June and 11 August 2pm – 4pm.

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. Entrance £5 per person (children free). Dogs on leads – no toilet facilities. In aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

DENS Castle Walk 2024 - Saturday 14th September. Charity 10 mile walk and 2 mile family and dog-friendly walk starting from Berkhamsted Castle. Fun activities, castle tours, raffle, refreshments. Sign up by visiting www.dens.org.uk/walk or call the fundraising team on 01442 800268.

Diane and Peter Howarth, who were St Lawrence parishioners for 34 years, leaving in 2018, will be singing with the Wallingford Parish Choir at St Albans Cathedral (Abbey) on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2024. The services will be Choral Evensong on Saturday 24th, Eucharist and Choral Evensong on Sunday 25th. They will be pleased to see old friends after the services on Sunday 25th. On Saturday they are invited to an after service Reception so it would be difficult to have time to 'catch up'.

St Lawrence Day Patronal Festival 11th August. All are welcome to attend a special service at 11am with guest speaker Revd. Catherine Williams, followed by a BBQ. If you would like to attend the BBQ please add your name to the list at the back of the church **before 7th August.** There will be no 11.30am service at the Church of the Ascension on this day.

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