

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS Langley

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

**25th January 2026**  
**THE CONVERSION OF PAUL**



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

**Reader:** Hilary Causer

**9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

**President: Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell  
Revd Helen Neville

**Reader:** Joe Halford

**Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty

**11.30am** Eucharist at The Tin Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

**Reader:** Anne Goldsmith

### Readings:

(Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10) (P. 708)

Acts 9: 1 - 22 (P. 123)

Matthew 19: 27 - end (P. 20)

### Hymns:

237: We Sing the Glorious Conquest

534: O for a Thousand Tongues (Bedmond)

490: Jesus Shall reign

466: How shall I sing that majesty

375: Amazing Grace (Bedmond)

581: Take my Life and let it be

386: Be Thou my Vision

**3.30pm** The Spark 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](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, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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:

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.

### ANTHEM:

#### We walk by faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none ne'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found.

That when our lives of faith are done,  
In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.

### The Conversion of Paul

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The conversion of the anti-Christian zealot, Saul, to the apostle of Christ, Paul, is clearly related in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, but it has to be remembered that this was a beginning: Saul took some time to become Paul and some time to begin to understand that his call to preach -- to Jew and to Gentile -- the saving power of Jesus, the Son of God, was something that was a whole life's journey for him. Paul says in his Letter to the Church in Galatia, "God set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace ... Three years after (the Damascus Road conversion), I went up to Jerusalem." The preparation for this moment of his conversion was his whole life. This feast has been celebrated in the Church since the sixth century but became universal in the twelfth century.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Bushey Parish
- For our church choirs
- For those who live at Shannon House
- For refugees and migrants

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Pat Stuart; Janet Boundy, Ann Staines.

## FOR THE DEPARTED

Frank Wadl; Eve Durtnall; Libby Davis;

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 1st February 2026**

### Candlemas

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church

5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at St Lawrence Church

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kings 17: 8 - 16 (P. 333)  
1 Corinthians 1: 18 - end (P. 162)  
John 2: 1 - 11 (P. 89)

## 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 26th January

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

12.00pm Bedmond Bells Community Café  
*The Tin Church*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Tuesday 27th January

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*St. Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Standing Committee Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

### Wednesday 28th January

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St. Lawrence Church*

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsals  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 29th January

*Church Office is closed*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 30th January

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*The Breakspear Room*

### Saturday 31st January

6pm Jungle Book Sing A Long  
*St Lawrence Church Hall*

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](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)

**Malawi Sing a Long** We are delighted to welcome back this very popular event! Come and join us for a ... **JUNGLE BOOK SING A LONG ON SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 31st ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL, 6pm.** This will be a fun evening singing along to the popular and well known musical. See Wendy Meldrum for details and book your ticket £7.00pp. There will be light refreshments and BYO drink. Contact: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or Church Office on 01923 261795.

**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.

**Christingle collection boxes** - if you still have any collection boxes for the Children's Society left from the Christingle service in December please could you return them by end of January so we can send off the donation. Thank you.

**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 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)

As attendance at our **Sunday Lunch Club** has grown in recent months, we are looking for extra help with setting up and clearing away. No cooking is required, and the commitment would be from 1.30–3.00pm on the third Sunday of each month. If you can help please contact Eileen or David Adams on 01923 265228. Many of those who attend live alone and value not only the meal but also the social aspect. With some extra help, we would be able to continue welcoming everyone without having to limit numbers. Any support would be very much appreciated.

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**Church Office Opening Times:**  
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