

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 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-aid users.



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



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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

25 January

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

Breakspeare 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

Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 28th January

12.00pm Eucharist

St. Lawrence Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 29th January

Church Office is closed

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspeare Room

Friday 30th January

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

The Breakspeare 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 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

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 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 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

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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