

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

4th October 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Hilary Causer

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Readers: Jan Palmer
Julia Day

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
Isaiah 5.1–7 (P. 644)
Psalm 80.8–16 (P. 552)
Philippians 3.4b–14 (P. 195)
Matthew 21.33–end (P. 22)

Hymns:

543 O praise ye the Lord
Psalm 80
468 I danced in the morning
432 From heaven you came (Servant King)
376 And can it be

5.00pm Evening Prayer
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
St Lawrence Church Hall

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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Psalm 80 vv. 9-17 Response



PSALM:

Response: Show the light of your countenance O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved.

9 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
10 You made room around it and when it had taken root it filled the land.
11 The hills were covered with its shadow and the cedars of God by its boughs.

Response:

12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River.

13 Why then have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

Response:

14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, and all the insects of the field devour it.
15 Turn again O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold;

Response:

16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

17 Let those who burnt it with fire who cut it down, perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

Response:

POST COMMUNION:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

ANTHEM:

The Stone Which The Builders Rejected
Bernadette Farrell

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone
Alleluia, alleluia
Has become the cornerstone
Let the family of Israel say
God's love has no end
Let the family of Aaron say
God's love has no end
And let all who fear God
Say His love is without end
Alleluia, alleluia
Say His love is without end

I called to the Lord in my distress
He answered me and set me free
God is at my side
God is here to help me now
Alleluia, alleluia
God is here to help me now
Open to me the gates of holiness
I will enter and give thanks
This is the Lord's own gate
The gate where the just may enter in
I will thank You, Lord
For You hear and answer me
Alleluia, alleluia
For You hear and answer me

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- Soul Survivor Church, Watford
- All involved in the work of Safe-guarding
- The work of the YMCA
- The people of Malosa, Malawi

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer;
Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Elizabeth Pazzi-Axworthy

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 11th October 2026
19th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence

11.00am Harvest Festival Service at
St. Lawrence

THERE WILL BE NO 11.30AM SERVICE
AT BEDMOND

5.00pm Choral Evensong at
St Lawrence

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25.1–9 (P. 662)
Psalm 23 (P. 512)
Philippians 4.1–9 (P. 196)
Matthew 22.1–14 (P. 23)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 5th October

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 6th October

10.30am Tiny Tots
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Blokes
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 7th October

10.00am Bedmond Coffee Morning
Tin Church

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Compassionate Cafe
Breakspeare Room

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 8th October

8.00pm Alpha Course
Breakspeare Room

Friday 9th October

10.00am Tin Church Craft Group
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 10th October

11.00am Christening of Ginevra Serschen
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 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 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

Harvest Lunch—11th October: There is no service at Bedmond and no 9.30am service at St Lawrence on 11th October. If you would like to join us for Harvest Lunch after the 11am service please sign the sheet at the back of St Lawrence **before 8th October**. Crumbles are still needed! Please bring items to donate to the food bank.

Time and Talents: Please pick up and complete one of our 'Time and Talents' leaflets, and leave it in the wooden ballot box by the

door (or pop it into the Parish Office). It'd be great to have them all back in by today, **Sunday 4th October**.

Alpha Course: A brilliant chance to explore the Christian faith. Every Thursday 8–9.30pm. From 24th September–26th November at St. Lawrence Church.

Are you interested in being baptised or confirmed this Autumn? There'll be a service in the Abbey on Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm. Please speak to Peter ASAP!

The Tin Church Harvest Supper: Saturday 17rd October, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost £7. Ploughmans Supper & Pudding. Limited places—payment required by 12th October in an envelope with your name on to the Parish Office or Anne Goldsmith. On the evening, please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drink & a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

Might you be interested in being part of the **Malawi Team**, helping with fundraising, administration or even joining us on our visit in May 2027? Come and find out what we do with a short presentation on **Sunday 4th October, 11am** in the Breakspear Room.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration. Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR
THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.



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Weekdays (Closed Wednesdays)

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