

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

9th November 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT / REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Readings:
Job 19: 23 - 27 (P. 479)
Luke 20: 27 - 38 (P. 81)

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Second Sunday Service at St Lawrence Church

President: Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell
Revd Helen Neville

Readings:
Matthew 5:1-10 (P. 4)

10.50am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in St Lawrence Churchyard

11.15am Remembrance Service at St Lawrence Church

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

3pm Remembrance Service at The Church of the Ascension

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5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

Readings:
2 Samuel 1:17-27 (P. 284)
Matthew 26:47-56 (P. 29)

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-



There will be no refreshments served in the hall today due to the Remembrance Service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

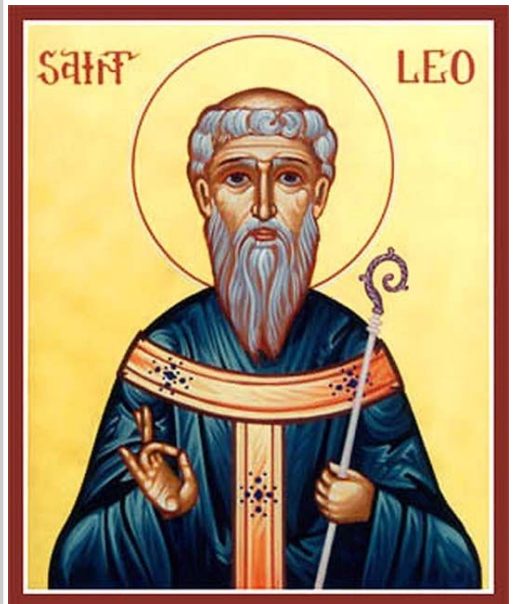
THINGS TO THANK GOD FOR:

The most reliable measure of violent crime is NHS data for who is treated for various forms of violence: assault, knife attack, bodily force, firearm etc. A study of those figures shows that the number of such injuries has been trending down for about two decades. Latest figures show hospital admissions for knife crime injuries at a 25-year low. The murder rate in London has also declined dramatically over the last 20 years. *(If you don't believe it ... try googling 'Fraser Nelson: Is Britain becoming more violent').*

Leo the Great

10 November

Leo the Great became pope in the year 440 and twice proved his bravery in saving the citizens of Rome from the invading barbarians. He was an eloquent and wise preacher, using simple gospel texts to proclaim the Christian faith. His administrative skills were unrivalled and he used the resources of the Church for the good of the people. Rather than further confuse Christians by entering into the controversy over the person of Christ, Leo spoke simply of the humility of Christ who was divine and human in his compassion, uniting biblical images in prayer rather than dividing in debate. Leo died on this day in the year 461.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all members our armed forces
- For veterans, especially the injured
- For peace in the world
- For our enemies

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis

FOR THE DEPARTED

NEXT SUNDAY

16th November 2025

The Second Sunday before Advent

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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, Bedmond |
| 5.00pm | Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church |
| 6.30pm | Nameless Youth Group in the Breakspear Room |

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Malachi 4: 1 - 2a (P. 879)
2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 (P. 204)
Luke 21: 5 - 19 (P. 81)

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

**THERE IS A V80 EXHIBITION FROM
10.00AM - 4.00PM (UNTIL TUESDAY
11TH NOVEMBER) IN ST LAWRENCE
CHURCH**

Monday 10th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 11th November

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 12th November

11.00am Mothers' Union
Breakspear Room

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

6.30pm Junior Choir rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 13th November

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspear Room

Friday 14th November

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 15th November

11.00am Children and Young People's
Committee Meeting
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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

'A Parish at War' - this exhibition about life in Abbots Langley during World War 2 will be based in St. Lawrence from 10am-4pm from Tuesday 4th November till Tuesday 11th. Access will be via the Breakspear Room if South Door is closed due to work on the porch.

After nearly thirty years service as a Lay Reader, Sally Sanderson is stepping down from her role. She will preach for the last time at St. Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension on Sunday 23rd November, on the Feast of Christ the King. Please do come and celebrate all that Sally has given to the parish!

MALAWI CONTAINER: For those wishing to donate items for the container, you will find flyers at the back of Church

with details of items needed. Please take one. Items can be left in the box at the back of Church marked for collecting items or in the Church Office or contact Wendy Meldrum if items need collecting. **PACKING for the container will take place on Wednesday 19th November in the Scout Hut, Langley Road between 10am and 4pm.** If you would like to help please speak to one of the Malawi Team, we would welcome your help.

Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage on Sunday November 16th starting at 12.00pm at the Friends Meeting House. All are welcome.

Malawi Concert: November 22nd 7.30pm St Lawrence Church with **STRATOFREERE**. We welcome back this amazing 4 piece local band covering hits from the 60s and 70's Tickets £10. Contact: Wendy Meldrum. There will be light refreshments for a donation.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas Coffee Morning: November 29th 10am - 1pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. It's that time of the year again! Please come along and enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties as well as a cup of coffee and cake! Buy those last minute Christmas presents and cards and have a very enjoyable and sociable morning!

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