

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

3rd March 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Brenda Southorn

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of
the Ascension

Reader: Janette Noonan

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Readings:

Psalms 19 (P. 510)

(1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25) (P. 162)

John 2: 13 - 22 (P. 89)

Hymns:

368: All my hope on God is founded

469: I heard the voice of Jesus say

570: Sing to the Lord a joyful song

432: From heaven you came

262: O Lord my God, when I in awesome
wonder

5.00pm: Breathing Space -
What is beauty?

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
9.30am service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

‘FOOD FOR THOUGHT’

'If I am rationally sure of anything, it is that I find impressed upon my inmost conscious being the obligation of goodness - the sense that I exist in order to be good. And I am wholly unable to interpret this purpose of goodness, which I cannot doubt to be real, except in terms of the goodness of God.' (Gore, *Belief in God*, p.156)

'The only thing harder than forgiveness is the alternative' (Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* p.100)

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln

8 March

Born in London in 1829, Edward King, both as a priest and then as a bishop, was revered for the holiness of his life and the wisdom of his counsel. He was chaplain, then principal, of Cuddesdon Theological College, followed by a dozen years as a professor of theology in Oxford, during which time he exercised a great influence on a generation of ordinands. In 1885, he was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Lincoln, a position he held until his death. His advocacy of Catholic principles in ritual as well as theology involved him in controversy, but his significant gift to the Church was his example as a pastoral and caring bishop to both clergy and laity.

What is beauty?

Breathing Space



Is Barbie beautiful?

Sunday 3rd March

5.00pm

St Lawrence Church

All are welcome

Refreshments will be provided

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For peace in the Holy Land
- For all struggling with poverty, and for all working against it.
- For the emergency services of our parish
- For St. Paul's Church, Bushey

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly; Bishop Alan; The King;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Rob Lambert; Alan Bland

NEXT SUNDAY

10th March 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist St. Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Second Sunday Service
St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Bible Brunch at The Church of
the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer
St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Numbers 21: 4 - 9 (P. 145)
Ephesians 2: 1 - 10 (P. 189)
John 3: 14 - 21 (P. 90)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are both off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 4th March

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 5th March

12.30pm CTAL Lent Course
Breakspear Room

8.00pm CTAL Lent Course
Zoom

Wednesday 6th March

10.00am Coffee Morning
The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 7th March

12.30pm Women of the New Testament
Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspear Room

Friday 8th March

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat
The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 9th March

4.30pm Seekers making
Mother's Day Bouquets
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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

The Sunday Lunch in March will now be held on the 4th Sunday - 24th March at 1.00pm.

Book of Remembrance - we shall shortly be sending our Book of Remembrance to have it updated. If you have loved ones buried in the Garden of Remembrance and have been thinking about an entry in the book please get in contact with Amanda in the Church office as all entries will need to be received by 8th March, so that it can be included.

CTAL Lent Course - 'Be Still' looks at how to make the best of some daily time with God Tuesday 20th February - Tuesday 19th March 12.30pm - 2pm in the Breakspear Room. There is also a Lent Course via Zoom, Tuesday 20th February to Tuesday 19th March 8pm - 9pm (Zoom details provided by the Church Office).

Malawi trip in May - Items for Malawi: We are now collecting items for both the container and to take with us when we visit Malawi in May. There are flyers at the back of Church with lists of items needed in the Hospital, nurseries and school in Malosa. In particular, we are collecting PPE for the hospital (disposable gloves, masks and aprons), children's clothes and knitted jumpers for the nurseries, Maths equipment (calculators, protractors, compasses etc) for the school. Please take a look at the full list at the back of Church and let us know if you are able to donate. You can contact the team or take your items to the Church Office during office hours in the morning. Contact: Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com Thank you!

Palm Crosses - All are welcome to come and make Palm Crosses on 20th March 10.30am in the Breakspear Room, ready for Palm Sunday Many hands make light work! Training given on the day, just bring a pair of scissors.

Friends Evening at La Banq - Many thanks to everybody who supported the Friends' dinner at La Banq on Monday 19th February. It was a most enjoyable evening and £564 was raised to assist with the maintenance and enhancement of the Church Building and its fittings.

Coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension - Wednesday 6th March 10.00am - 12.00pm. All are very welcome.

If you would like **breakfast on Easter Monday** (1st April) before walking to St Albans Abbey, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Women of the New Testament - Thursdays from 12.30pm - 2.00pm in the Breakspear Room. This daytime Bible group will be turning to look at some of the women of the New Testament (bring your lunch!).

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