

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

16h February 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Brenda Southorn
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**
Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10 (P. 730)
(1 Corinthians 15: 12 - 20) (P. 173)
Luke 6: 17 - 26 (P. 61)
- Hymns:**
368: All my hope on God is founded
Psalm 1
507: Lord of all hopefulness
308: Just as I am, without one plea
262: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group
Breakspear Room

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, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PSALM 1:



Response: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.

Response

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither whatever they do it shall prosper.

As for the wicked it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **Response**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **Response**

ANTHEM:

Blessed are the pure in heart
H. Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the people of Ukraine
- For peace in the Holy Land
- For the parish of St. Matthew's, Oxhey
- For all prisoners

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Alan Alexander; Joyce Sones; Graham Page

FOR THE DEPARTED

Sandra Smalley; Murray Stuart-Smith; Astrida Meija

NEXT SUNDAY

23rd February 2025

The Second Sunday Before Lent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 3.30pm The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 3: 9 - 19 (P. 3)
2 Corinthians 11: 19 - 31 (P. 182)
Luke 8: 4 - 15 (P. 64)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off Monday - Friday.
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 17th February

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 19th February

Church Office is closed

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir practice
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 20th February

Church Office is closed

12.00pm - 2.00pm Bedmond Bells
Community Café
The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)

Friday 21st February

Church Office is closed

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 22nd February

7.00pm London Central Fellowship Band of
the Salvation Army Concert
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. 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

Friends' Fundraiser - La Banq Dinner:

Thank you to all who supported last Monday's dinner at La Banq restaurant. 68 people dined and seemed to have a most enjoyable evening. As a result the Friends' funds, used for the maintenance and enhancement of our Church building, have increased by £732.

We are delighted to announce that **The London Central Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army** will be holding a concert in St Lawrence Church on Saturday 22nd February at 7pm. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Retiring collection. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Watford Foodbank. The items that are most needed at the moment are: Cereals, Milk (long life), Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Custard, Jam, Tea/Coffee, Mashed Potato, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Biscuits/Snack Bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeneys. Thank you.**

Ash Wednesday is 5th March. If you would like to do so please return your palm crosses from last year to be used to make the ash for the services on Ash Wednesday. You can leave them at the back of the church or drop them in to the office.

Malawi Quiz Night: Saturday 22nd March 7pm for 7.30pm start. Come and join in the fun. Put together your own table of 8 or join a table on night. Price £15, includes a two course supper. BYO drink. For tickets, please contact Wendy Meldrum on: wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

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