

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

24th September 2023

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Kathryn Sanders

Intercessions: Wendy Meldrum

11.30am Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension

President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:

Exodus 16: 2 - 15 (P. 64)

Psalms 22: 1 - 11, 19 - 22, 27 - 31 (P. 511)

(Philippians 1: 21 - end) (P. 194)

Matthew 27: 38 - 50 (P. 31)

Hymns:

175: Come down, O Love divine

22: Why God, why have you forsaken me

507: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

575: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

538: O Jesus I have Promised

5.00pm Taizé Service

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.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. 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.

We continue to explore options for resuming our livestreaming service, following the withdrawal of our service provider till now. We hope to recommence in the near future.



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 Church Hall
after the 9.30am
service.**



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COLLECT:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE NOTES:

In today's gospel reading, we find a solemn scene at the crucifixion of Jesus. As Jesus hung on the cross, he was surrounded by scoffers and onlookers who taunted him (fulfilling the words of Psalm 22). Amidst the darkness that covered the land, Jesus cried out to God, quoting Psalm 22: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' This powerful moment signifies the depth of Jesus' suffering and the weight of our sins that he bore on the cross. It's a reminder of the profound sacrifice Jesus made for our redemption, and of his love for us.

Michael & All Angels

29 September

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three named biblical angels, depicted as the beloved messengers of God. Michael, which means 'who is like God?', is described as protector of Israel and leader of the armies of God and is perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the Revelation to John. He is thus regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly those at the hour of death. A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day, and 29 September is now kept in honour of Michael and all Angels throughout the western Church.

ANTHEM: Thou Knowest

Composer Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of St. Luke's, Watford
- For all victims of sexual abuse and exploitation
- For the rescue and reconstruction efforts in Libya and Morocco
- For all involved in medical research

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Sonia; Doreen Wilson;
Ray Wicks; Mavis Boarder;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Doreen Clarke; Peter Hunt; Margaret
Putman; Celia Hodnett; Margaret Gurney;

NEXT SUNDAY

1st October 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
11.30am Harvest Festival at The Church
of the Ascension
5.00pm Breathing Space

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 17: 1 - 7 (P. 66)
Ezekiel 18: 1 - 4, 25 - end (P. 797)
Philippians 2: 1 - 13 (P. 194)
Matthew 21: 23 - 32 (P. 22)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Saturday.

Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 25th September

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 26th September

11.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 27th September

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 28th September

The Church Office is closed

10.00am Funeral of Doreen Clarke
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspear Room

Friday 29th September

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

2.00pm Friday Singer's Concert
St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

7.00pm Harvest Supper
The Church of the Ascension

Saturday 30th September

11.30am Young at Herts Bell Ringers
St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Bring and Sing
St Lawrence Church

5.30pm Bring and Sing 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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

'Bring and Sing': Saturday 30th September 2-5pm at St. Lawrence, followed by an informal concert (free, but ticketed) at 5.30pm. A chance for **everyone** to have some fun and give singing a go: all ages and range of experiences welcome. Contact Marianne Ryall: directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk for more details.

After a successful Gravetalk event in the summer another Gravetalk will be held on Monday 9th October, 7.00pm in the Henderson Hub. To book your place or for more information email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

Baby Loss Awareness Week Sunday 15th October, 2.00pm to 7.00pm, St Lawrence Church. Drop in throughout the day to light a candle and join us at 7.00pm for the Global Wave of Light.

Harvest Supper at the Church of the Ascension on Friday 29th September at 7 for 7.30pm. Cost is £7. Places are limited. Sign up sheet back of both Churches. Please book and pay by 26th September (payment in envelope with name and Harvest Supper to the Parish Office). Please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drinks and a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

The Friends and Faith Group (F&F) is once a week on a Thursday at 8.00pm. People will get to know both each other and the Bible a bit better. There'll be good conversation, nice refreshments and the chance to grow in both friendship and faith! Everyone is welcome. Please talk to Peter if you would like to know more, or contact the Church Office adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk or 01923 261795.

Women of the Old Testament: On 5th October, we will be starting a new daytime bible group, who will be looking at some of the women of the Old Testament. Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!), Breakspear Room.

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE QUIZ NIGHT: SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 7PM, ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL. Book your places now!! Come along and join one of our tables or make up a table of 8 for you and your friends. Price £15pp. There will be a two course supper and it will be BYO drinks. Brush up those little grey cells and have a fun evening. Contact: Wendy Meldrum at wendymeldrum@gmail.com or tel: 07710 688633.

Friday Singers present 'September Song' - A mixture of musical theatre and other popular songs on Friday 29th September at 2.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Free admission with retiring collection.

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