

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th December 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** David Staines
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- Reader:** Bill Sanderson
- Intercessions:** Roland Maxted
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Linda Ball
- Readings:**
(Zephaniah 3:14-end) (P. 891)
Philippians 4:4-7 (P. 196)
Luke 3:7-18 (P. 57)
- Hymns:**
2: Christ whose glory fills the skies
Psalm 146
490: Jesus shall reign wher'er the sun
601: Thou didst leave thy throne
534: O for a thousand tongues to sing
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group
Breakspear Room

Peter will be at St Michaels at 9.30am, due to their vacancy.

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:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and

reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

PSALM 146:



I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Praise the Lord O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

Response

Put not your trust in princes nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

Response

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Response

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.

The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

Response

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord watches over the stranger in the

land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God O Zion throughout all generations.

Response

ANTHEM:

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Ralph Vaughan Williams

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For St Peter's, Watford
- For the homeless
- For prisoners
- For the people of Syria

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Stephen Murray; Erica

FOR THE DEPARTED

Frank Tilley; Doris Haskell; Ben Dimond

NEXT SUNDAY

22nd December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 3.00pm Christmas Carols Service
The Church of the Ascension
- 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service
in St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Micah 5: 2 - 5a (P. 880)
Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 (P. 221)
Luke 1: 39 - 45 (46 - 55) (P. 54)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Wednesday.
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 16th December

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 17th December

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

1.30pm Funeral of Frank Tilley
West Herts Crematorium

6.00pm Bedmond Carols around the Tree
The Church of the Ascension

Wednesday 18th December

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Practice
St Lawrence Church

Friday 20th December

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 21st December

12.00pm Christening of Zola Denyer
St Lawrence Church

Stephanie and Daniele, Zola's parents, would like to invite members of the congregation to Zola's christening.

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

9 Lessons Mince Pies - if you are able to donate some mince pies for 22nd December when we have mulled wine and mince pies following the service please sign the list at the back of church.

Christmas Wreath Festival is today - Sunday 15th December, 12.00pm - 4.00pm. Come along and view the wonderful wreaths created by local businesses, schools and groups. The event is free but donations are welcomed for the Friends of St Lawrence. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Breakspear Room. We hope to see you there!

The Christmas Sunday lunch is today at 1.00pm in the church hall.

Bedmond Carols around the tree is on Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm at the Church of the Ascension (Tin Church). Mince pies and hot chocolate will be served afterwards in the Tin Church. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Bedmond Christmas Carols is on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm in the Church of the Ascension. Hot chocolate and mince pies will be served after the service. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the church hall after the service. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Christmas Eve Candlelight services in St Lawrence Church:

1.30pm (with Makaton signing)
2.30pm
3.30pm
4.30pm
6.00pm

All are very welcome to attend.

Midnight Mass at the Church of the Ascension will be at 11.00pm and **Midnight Mass at St Lawrence Church** will be at 11.45pm, all are warmly welcome.

The Christmas Day service at St Lawrence Church will be at 9.30am. **The Christmas Day service** at The Church of the Ascension will be at 11.30am. All are welcome to join in the celebrations!

Temporary accommodation needed for a teacher from Australia who will be teaching at a local primary school. She will be arriving on 31st December and is from a practising Christian family in the town of Allora, Queensland, Australia. If you can offer some temporary accommodation please contact the church office.

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