

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

7th April 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Dennis Spooner
- 9.30am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Laura Furlong
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the Church of
the Ascension
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Linda Ball
- 5.00pm** Breathing Space
Patriotism: The Last Refuge
of the Scoundrel?

*For Sunday morning hymns and readings
please see overleaf,*

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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MORNING READINGS

Readings:

(Exodus 14: 10 - end; 15: 20 - 21) (P. 62)
Acts 4: 32 - 35 (P. 117)
John 20: 19 - end (P. 112)

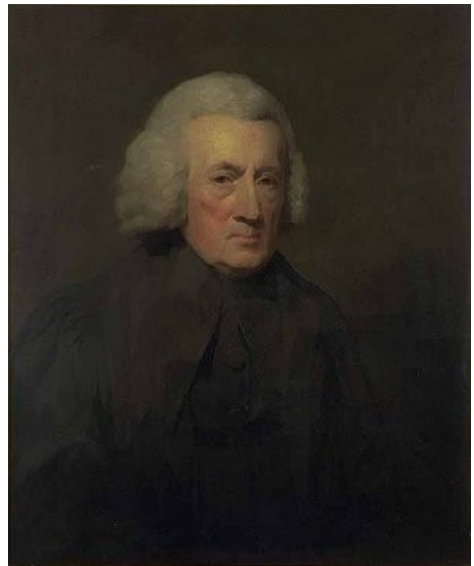
Hymns:

555 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
137 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven
375 Amazing Grace
453 Great is thy faithfulness
386 Be thou my vision

William Law, Priest

10 April

Born at Kings Cliffe in Northamptonshire in 1686, William Law was educated at Emmanuel College Cambridge and, after ordination as a deacon, became a fellow of the College in 1711. When George I came to the throne in 1714, William declined to take the Oath of Allegiance, being a member of the Non-Juror party who believed the anointed but deposed monarch James II and his heirs should occupy the throne. He lost his fellowship but in 1728 he was made a priest and in the same year published *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, which much influenced such people as Samuel Johnson and John and Charles Wesley. In it he stresses the moral virtues, a personal prayer life and asceticism. He returned to Kings Cliffe in 1740, where he led a life of devotion and simplicity and caring for the poor. He remained there the rest of his life and died on this day in the year 1761.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For peace in the Middle East
- For aid workers everywhere
- For Messy Church
- For the parish of All Saints, South Oxhey with Carpenters' Park

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; Holly;
Bishop Alan; The King;
Sean Furlong; Tony Neville; The Princess of
Wales; Stephen Maxted; Liz Brooker

FOR THE DEPARTED

Alan Bland; Steve Laidler; Ray Wicks;
James Mote; Bryan Thatcher

NEXT SUNDAY

14th April 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Bible Brunch @ Bedmond
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Zephaniah 3: 14 - end (P. 891)
Acts 3: 12 - 19 (P. 116)
1 John 3: 1 - 7 (P. 237)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave Mon-Weds.
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 8th April

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 9th April

10.30am Burial of Ashes Robert Lyon

St Lawrence Churchyard

Wednesday 10th April

11.00am Mothers' Union

Breakspear Room

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

There will be no 12.00pm Eucharist today

2.30pm Messy Church

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 11th April

10.00am Pastoral Committee

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 12th April

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 13th April

12.00pm Christening of Shellbie Bartlett

St Lawrence Church

1.30pm Burial of Ashes Peter Hawkins

Garden of Remembrance

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.

Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM - This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 8.00pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. At this meeting we elect our churchwardens and new members of the PCC. If you are interested in becoming a Churchwarden, joining the PCC or one of the committees then speak to Peter, Helen or one of the Churchwardens.

We are looking for two new helpers to work along side others already on the coffee rota for Sunday coffee. This is to help serve coffee on a Sunday 6 times a year. If you could help us please let Amanda or Carol know.

The flyer at the back of church for "Items to Malawi" has been revised and updated. Please take a look! Malawi trip in May - Please see 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!

Malawi Event: A concert with Stratosfrere: Saturday 13th April

We welcome back this amazing cover band for another excellent evening of music. They also write their own songs and play a wide variety of music from the 60's/70's to present day. Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start. Tickets: £12.50pp. Come along and support.

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall: Bushey Mill Lane, Watford, WD24 7TF
Contact Wendy Meldrum:
wendymeldrum@gmail.com or church office: 01923 261795

If you haven't bought your tickets for "Deckchairs", the latest Abbots Langley Player's production, please pick up a flier from the back of the church for more details. Come and enjoy.

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