

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

20th April 2025  
EASTER DAY



## TODAY

**6.00am** CTAL Sunrise Service  
Bedmond Playing Fields

**Leader:** Sally Sanderson

**8.00am** Easter Day Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Dennis Spooner

**9.30am** Easter Day Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Chris Sanders

**Intercessions:** Roland Maxted

**11.30am** Easter Day Eucharist at the  
Church of the Ascension

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Pam Rastall

### Readings:

Acts 10:34 - 43 (P. 126)

(1 Corinthians 15: 19 - 26) (P. 173)

John 20: 1 - 18 (P. 111)

### Hymns:

See What a Morning (see handout)

150: Love's redeeming work

147: Jesus Christ is risen to-day

153: Now the green blade riseth

160: Thine be the glory

**5.00pm** Taizé Service at  
St Lawrence Church

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### POST COMMUNION:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ANTHEM:

*Let Your Alleluias Rise*

K. Lee Scott

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary, Christ has risen from the tomb;  
On the cross a suffering victim, now as victor he is come.  
Whom your tears in death were mourning,  
welcome with your smiles returning.  
Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Raise your weary eyelids, Mary, see him living evermore;  
See his countenance, how gracious, see the wounds for you he bore.  
All the glory of the morning pales before those wounds redeeming.  
Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Life is yours forever, Mary, for your light is come once more,  
And the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour.  
Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow.  
Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

## George, Patron Saint of England

23 April

St George was probably a soldier living in Palestine at the beginning of the fourth century. He was martyred at Lydda in about the year 304, the beginning of the Diocletian persecution, and became known throughout the East as 'The Great Martyr'. There were churches in England dedicated to St George before the Norman conquest. The story of his slaying the dragon is probably due to his being mistaken in iconography for St Michael, himself usually depicted wearing armour; or it may again be a mistaken identity representing Perseus's slaying of the sea monster, a myth also associated with the area of Lydda. George replaced Edward the Confessor as Patron Saint of England following the Crusades, when returning soldiers brought back with them a renewed cult of St George. Edward III made St George patron of the Order of the Garter, which seems finally to have confirmed his position.

### Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM

This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Thursday 22nd May 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 Tom.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the whole Church as it celebrates Easter
- For those who are persecuted for their faith
- For those who live in fear of death
- That more people may come to know the risen Lord.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Laya Watters;

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Wendy Westoby; Anthony Neville;  
Hilary Martin; Angela Powley;  
Liz Brooker;

## NEXT SUNDAY

**27th April 2025**

### The Second Sunday of Easter

- 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

Acts 5: 27 - 32 (P. 119)  
Revelation 1: 4 - 8 (P. 242)  
John 20: 19 - end (P. 112)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is on retreat Tuesday - Friday  
Helen is on compassionate leave,  
following the death of her father.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 21st April

*The Church Office is closed*

*There will be no Coffee Morning today*

9.00am Easter Monday Pilgrimage  
Communion  
St Lawrence Church

11.00am Walk to St Albans Abbey  
*Meet in Church Hall car park*

### Tuesday 22nd April

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

### Wednesday 23rd April

12.00pm Eucharist  
*Corpus Christi Chapel*

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Friday 25th April

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Malawi Team Meeting  
*Abbots Road*

### Saturday 26th April

11.00am Blessing of Isaac Musk  
*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](http://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](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**This year we need to prepare a new electoral roll.** Being a member of the electoral roll of a parish entitles a person to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), to elect members of the PCC and Deanery Synods. It is the nearest thing a parish church has to a 'membership list'. If you want to be part of it, please complete the form at the back of the church and return it to the church office by **Friday 25th April 2025.**

**May Concerts.** Brenda and Carol are in need of some help at the May concerts which are happening on the 5 Saturdays in May. Please do come to the concerts - they are always a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Refreshments served from 10.30am. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can help by being on the door or bringing a cake or serving the refreshments.

**Friends of St Lawrence: Puzzle and Toy Fair: Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June 10 – 2pm.** Please remember to keep any jigsaw puzzles (adults and children), games and toys for our Fair in June and remember to put the date in your diary and come along.

**Malawi Project: 60s & 70s Night! Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm.** Come along and enjoy an amazing evening of music from the 60s and 70s including a quiz, dancing and a 60s/70s styled buffet. They'll be spot prizes and best dressed prizes to add to the fun. Tickets £10pp. Contact: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or Church Office 01923 261795

**Christian Aid Week 11th - 17th May** - if you would like to help with the collection in Kings Langley please contact Peter Jowsey: [peterjowsey4@gmail.com](mailto:peterjowsey4@gmail.com) or 07837 400480.

As part of the V80 programme of events, **A Parish at War, World War 2 Exhibition** will be held in the Tin Church on **Thurs 1st May, Sat 3rd May, Mon 5th May, Tues 6th May, Wed 7th May from 10am to 12 noon and Fri 2nd May from 1pm to 3pm.** An exhibition presenting the impact of WW2 on Abbots Langley and the surrounding villages, researched by members of the Abbots Langley Local History Society mainly from local archives and reminiscences of local people that lived through those times. **Free Event.**

**The next Abbots Langley Players'** production will be the dark comedy "Rules for living" by Sam Holcroft. For information please pick up a flyer from the back of the church. Please be aware of the early start.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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### Church Office Opening Times:

10.00am until 12.30pm Mon-Fri - 01923 261795  
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***If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter or Helen directly.***