



Outlook

November 2025

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

50p



Dear Reader

This month, we pause to honour and reflect on the courage, service, and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedoms and all who have suffered as a result of war.

Remembrance services will be held at both St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond (see the timetable below for details).

Inside this issue, you'll also find a variety of articles, upcoming events,



and services to add to your diaries as we move towards the end of the year.

Wishing you peace this November,

Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of Outlook

Remembrance Day Services

Sunday 9th November 2025

10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, St Lawrence Churchyard

11.15am Remembrance Service in St Lawrence Church

3.00pm Remembrance Service at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond.



Musical opportunities at St Lawrence

Music plays a big part at St Lawrence Church. If you are interested in finding out more contact Director of Music, Marianne Chapman
Directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk



Christenings taken in October

Matias La-Branca



Funerals taken in October

Rob Sheppard





November Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE

TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at
the Church of the
Ascension

Wednesday

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

*Weekly events do not
happen on a bank
holiday.*

Monday 10am

Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room
(Term time only)

Thursday 8.00pm

Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 2pm

Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday 1st 9.30am

Churchyard Working Party
(CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

Sunday 2nd 3pm

CTAL Service
of Thanksgiving and
Remembrance
St Saviour's Church

Sunday 2nd 5pm

Breathing Space
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 2nd 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group
Breakspeare Room

Sunday 3rd -

Wednesday 10th

10am - 4pm

V80 Exhibition
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 5th 10am

Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

Wednesday 5th 2pm

Compassionate Café
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 8th 5pm

Kathy and Immy
in Concert
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 9th 10.50am

Act of Remembrance at
War Memorial
St Lawrence Churchyard

Sunday 9th 11.15am

Remembrance Service
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 9th 3pm

Remembrance Service *The
Church of the Ascension,
Bedmond*

Sunday 9th 5.00pm

Choral Evensong
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 12th 11am

Mother's Union
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 12th 3.30pm

Messy Church
Methodist Church

Sunday 5pm

Choral Evensong
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 16th 1pm

Sunday Lunch
*St Lawrence
Church Hall*

Sunday 16th 5pm

Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 16th 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 22nd 7pm

Stratosfrere Concert
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 29th 10am - 1pm

Christmas Coffee Morning
St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 30th 3.30pm

The Spark Service
St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 30th 6.30pm

Advent Carol Service
St Lawrence Church



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Messy Church

The theme for our October Messy Church was Harvest and Autumn and we asked our Messy Church families to bring along harvest produce for DENS, the Hemel Charity which deals with homelessness and families in crisis. Our harvest table was full and we were pleased to send off lots of items to the charity.

Our crafts for the afternoon were very much harvest and autumn centred and we were particularly pleased with the pictures the children produced using some of the vibrant autumn leaves that had been collected. The children made watches which said ... "Time to give thanks to God" and our prayers were written on paper plates to remind ourselves of all the good food that has been provided for us and to remember those who don't have enough to eat. As usual, the food craft was very popular, it was a hedgehog-shaped cake covered in chocolate icing with Matchmaker spines and googly eyes and was very realistic!!

Our next Messy Church meeting is **Wednesday 12th November** at the Methodist Church 3.30pm – 5.45pm. Messy Church is free but we welcome donations. Please contact Wendy if you would like to come to November's meeting on wendymeldrum@gmail.com. or the Church Office on 01923 261795 It is useful for us to know who is coming so we can cater for the crafts and Messy Church tea.

Everyone is welcome ... do come along and join in the fun!



Easyfundraising

How have 8 people in St Lawrence and Bedmond managed to raise over **£2,781** for our two churches without most people knowing that they were even fundraising for us?

They have used hardly any effort to do that and it has all been done in small increments. We are very grateful to them. All they do is that every time they shop online - some of them weekly, some of them at longer intervals - they do this by accessing the chosen retailer via easyfundraising and nominating us as their chosen charity. We have 53 people who sign up to easyfundraising to donate to us but they have not all remembered to do their shopping via the easy fundraising site. If you are one of these people it may be that you no longer shop online or it may be that we just need to give you a nudge to do your shopping via the [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) site.

Every little helps us to pay for the essential work being done on the building or help to pay the heating bills. At this time of year you may be shopping more than at other times so this might come as a timely reminder.



See flyer on page 7 for more details.

A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

A special Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the bereaved, organised by Churches Together in Abbots Langley (CTAL), will be held on Sunday 2nd November at 3:00pm at St Saviour's Church, The Crescent, Abbots Langley. At this service we will remember especially those who have died locally during the past year, either from Abbots Langley or Bedmond, or from outside the area whose funerals we have taken or whose ashes we have buried. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are warmly welcome to attend.



Breathing Space Schedule

The dates and topics for Breathing Space (held in St Lawrence Church at 5.00pm) are as follows:

2nd November:

Does religion cause wars?

7th December:

Should Christmas be banned?

(No Breathing Space in January)

February:

How can the Church survive?

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The Forgotten Front – WW1

Over several months I have written about famous people buried in our churchyard. This month I am going to make it more personal and write about Ernest Higgs (1879 – 1945). It seems appropriate to write about him this month as Remembrance Day is very close. Ernest Higgs lived in Abbots Langley. He served in Salonika on what has been called ‘The Forgotten Front’ in Greece and North Macedonia. It was less intense than the Western Front leading to significant periods of boredom for the soldiers. The weather was either freezing cold in winter or boiling hot in summer. It did play a crucial role in the war’s end by forcing Bulgaria to capitulate.

Ernest Higgs was the great grandfather of Nigel and Phillip Higgs. He left for Salonika (now Thessaloniki) in April 1915. He kept a diary for the time that he was away the family have a copy of the diary. This is how the diary started...

“After a lot of talking, at last I got the wife’s consent to join up, as I then thought it the duty of every able bodied man to do so. Of course it was natural the wife did not like me leaving home, while so many single men were strolling about. And I was leaving five kiddies at home and another expected very shortly. Also I was leaving good employment.”

Nigel and I recently visited Salonika with the Salonika Campaign Society to see the places where he served. He was a ‘Driver’ but not a driver of vans or tanks but a driver of mules. He looked

after the mules and when there was food, ammunition, equipment or other supplies to be collected or moved around he would be off with the mules to collect it. There were frequent visits to the railway station as supplies came in that way. Mules and horses were a vital means of transport as the terrain was not suitable for tanks. The two valleys of the Struma and the Vardar rivers had very steep sides. The wide valley floors were wet, ideal for mosquitoes. In this area more soldiers died of malaria than died from the fighting.



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On the 3rd November 1915 the diary entry was...

‘At a few hours notice we were transferred to the 10th Divisional train at Basingstoke for overseas and while there stood by under six hours notice to move. Were not even allowed home a few hours before leaving old England.’

Ernest became sick in September 1916 with dysentery and malaria and was then sent home via Alexandria arriving back in Bristol and eventually Abbots Langley in February 1917. He did not die in a foreign land but is buried in St Lawrence churchyard.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember all those who served in the many conflicts.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Carol Higgs



At our October meeting we looked at modern slavery which includes human trafficking, forced labour, including child labour, commercial or criminal exploitation. Victims are coerced or forced into these situations – they clean houses, produce the clothes we wear, pick the fruit and veg we eat. Modern slavery can happen to anyone from anywhere; every case is different, and in this country factors include homelessness, immigration status, difficult family background, drug or alcohol dependency or mental health problems. We all need to be aware and speak out.

Our November meeting is on Wednesday 12th at 11.00am in the Breakspear Room. We will follow the

meeting by joining the Communion service in church at 12.00noon.

Our subject for discussion in November will reflect on the importance of grandparents and the unique opportunities available to offer wisdom, love and faith to the younger generations.

All our meetings are open to anyone to join us – just come along.

If you'd like to find out more about Mothers' Union, please make contact.

Pam Rastall
(pamrastall@live.co.uk)

From the Curate

Friendship and Loneliness

I was recently at a Diocesan training course where the course leader mentioned something that surprised me: teenagers, according to recent research, have one of the highest levels of loneliness in our society – more so even than many older people living alone. We often assume that loneliness is a problem that comes only in later years, when friends or spouses have died and families live far away. But the truth is more complex. Loneliness is not simply about being on your own. You can be surrounded by people at school, at work, or even at church, and still feel desperately lonely.

That distinction – between being alone and being lonely – is important. Being alone is a state of life: it simply describes whether there are others physically present. Some people enjoy solitude; indeed, it can be nourishing and refreshing. But loneliness is a feeling of disconnection. It's the ache of not being known or not being understood. It's the fear that, even in a crowded room, no one really sees you. And it can happen to the young as well as the old, the busy as well as the retired, the outwardly extroverted as well as the shy.

At the heart of what makes us human is the need for connection. The Bible lets us know early doors, that, "... it is not good for the man to be alone." That doesn't mean we must all be in romantic relationships, but it does mean we are made for relationships. Friendship particularly is one of God's good gifts



to us – yet we don't always give them the attention and care they deserve. They are often overlooked in favour of romantic relationships.

The Bible gives us some good examples of deep and life-giving friendships. Think of Ruth and Naomi. Ruth's words to her mother-in-law are some of the most moving in the Bible – "Where you go, I will go; where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth binds her future to Naomi's, not out of obligation but as a free choice, out of loyalty and love. In our culture today, where people often move away for work or other opportunities, that determination to stand by someone through thick and thin is deeply countercultural – and deeply needed.

Or think of David and Jonathan. Despite the pressures of politics, rivalry, and even Jonathan's father Saul trying to kill David, the two formed an intense and heartfelt friendship. Jonathan supports David at personal cost, and David mourns Jonathan deeply. Their friendship is a reminder that real love between friends is not second-rate when compared to romantic love – it can be just as powerful and just as life-shaping.

The Bible honours friendship as a vital part of human flourishing, and philosophers have tended to agree. Aristotle wrote about three kinds of friendship: those based on utility (what you get out of it), those based on pleasure (simply enjoying one another's company), and the highest form –

friendship of virtue – where two people are committed to the good of one another’s souls. Cicero, the Roman statesmen, put it even more strongly: “Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief.” Friendship, at its best, means we do not face life’s storms alone.

And yet, many of us do. Technology can help us stay connected, but it can also give the illusion of closeness while leaving us emotionally hungry. ‘Liking’ one another’s posts doesn’t mean we’re sharing our lives with each other, not really. Social media encourages us to gather acquaintances but we struggle to sustain real friendships.

What can we do? One answer is to attend to our friendships intentionally, as a matter of Christian faith. Jesus calls us his friends – “I no longer call you servants... but I have called you friends.” (John 15:15). Friendship is at the heart of God’s own relationship with us, and we are called to mirror that love in our lives with others. Friendships don’t just happen by accident—they need tending, like a garden. That means making time, even when life is busy. It means being willing to pick up the phone, to write the message, to invite someone for coffee. It means showing loyalty when a friend is struggling, even if they are not easy company.

It also means courage. To move beyond surface-level small talk requires a willingness to be honest, to admit need, to share something of ourselves. Loneliness often thrives where there is shame: “If people really knew me, they wouldn’t want to.” True friendship contradicts that lie. In Christ, we are

already known and loved, and that frees us to risk being known and loved by others.

Friendship has another dimension too. It isn’t just for our comfort—it also calls us outwards. A strong circle of friends can become a clique if it only turns inwards. The Christian vision of friendship is one that always has space at the table for one more. As St Augustine wrote, “In this world two things are essential: life and friendship. Both must be cherished and not undervalued.” If we take him seriously, then friendship is not a luxury but a necessity—something that binds us to others and makes life worth living.

So perhaps the challenge for us, as a church, is twofold. First, to nurture our own friendships, not treating them as optional extras but as gifts of God’s grace. Second, to notice those who are lonely and to offer them the gift of friendship—not a quick handshake at the Peace, but genuine interest, patience, and time. It might be the teenager who feels adrift in a sea of social media pressure, or the new parent struggling to cope, or the elderly neighbour quietly watching television alone each night. Friendship in Christ has the power to transform all of those lives.

Loneliness is one of the quiet epidemics of our age. But the good news is that God has already given us the antidote. He calls us into his friendship, and he calls us to be friends to one another. May we attend to that calling with faithfulness, with courage, and with joy.

Helen

Malawi Update

DETAILS FOR THE CONTAINER WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER:

As many of you will know, St Lawrence has been supporting the hospital, school and local community in Malosa, Malawi by sending much needed items out in a container lorry. We will take our collected items to the Leicester container depot on Thursday 20th November and **we will be packing on Wednesday 19th November** so if you have items, **please can you let us have any items during the week before.**

For the hospital:

Children's /toddlers/babies clothes and knitted wear. **Many of you have been knitting and collecting items for us during the year, so if you have these stored in your homes, please let us know so we can arrange collection.**

Bed sheets.

Blood Pressure machines.

Bandages of all varieties, cotton wool, gauze, incontinence pads for adults.

PPE .. masks and gloves.

Equipment for physiotherapy:
wheelchairs and crutches.

Reels of cotton thread and fabric for the tailoring school and materials for making reusable sanitary ware.

Ladies and girls knickers (new).

Maintenance tools.

Footballs and netballs for the Community Based Organisations' youth groups.

For the nurseries:

Appropriate books and learning materials. (Please contact for advice)

Chalk

For the Secondary School:

Stationery, maths equipment... calculators, rulers, compasses, protractors etc.

Sturdy footballs and netballs (deflated!!) plus pumps.

English novels, English grammar text. books. Good News Bibles.

Chalk for blackboards.

Please make sure the items you are giving are in good repair and of good quality.

There will be a box at the back of St Lawrence's where you can put small items and this will be labelled 'For Malawi'. For larger items (that won't fit in the box!), for enquiries about the appropriateness of items you are donating or for advice, please contact Wendy Meldrum 01923 267383 or the Parish Office 01923 261795.

Thank you for all your help and support.

OUR NEXT EVENTS

KATHY AND IMMY IN CONCERT:

**SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 5PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH**

We are delighted that Immy and Kathy are back by popular demand after their amazing concert last year. They will be singing soprano songs, classical, musical and modern. Retiring collection in aid of the Malawi Project and the Friends of St Lawrence. There will be cake and refreshments available afterwards. **Please see poster for further details.**

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SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER A CONCERT with STRATOSFRERE

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. Come along and support!

Time: 7.30pm Price: £10

Light refreshments for a donation

Venue: St Lawrence Church,

Abbots Langley

Contact: Wendy Meldrum.

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Since the last edition of Outlook, the Friends have had two very successful events... the G&S Concert and the Quiz Evening

The G&S Evening “Where it all Began” on Sat 27th September was a huge success. It was wonderful to recall the beginnings of the Abbots Langley G&S Society in St Lawrence where it all began 75 years ago. Thank you to all the singers who performed, to Brenda Southorn for all her hard work in organising the event and to all who supported it. We made an amazing £397 for the Friends of St Lawrence.

We had a wonderful evening at the Friends **Quiz Night on Saturday 18th October**. Sara Bedford, our quizmaster, gave us some very interesting and varied questions which tested our little grey cells! Our thanks go to Sara and Matthew for the quiz, to Dot and her team who organised the food and, of course, to all the quizzers who joined in the evening and made it such fun. We are pleased to announce that we made just over £1,354, a brilliant result. Both events have made a real boost to our fundraising for the maintenance and upkeep of our ancient and beautiful Church building.

We have two further events lined up for the rest of the year:

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**THE FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE
AND MOTHERS' UNION
CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL
10AM – 1PM**

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QR code for St Albans Cathedral



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St Lawrence Church Abbots Langley *and*
The Tin Church Bedmond

To submit an article for Outlook, please contact the Church office.



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Bedmond Bells WI

Autumn seems to have really set in now, but we have plenty going on in the winter months to keep us busy.

At our October meeting we held a Harvest Supper, where we all enjoyed a tasty Ploughman's supper, with a quiz to amuse us and lots of chat.



The previous week we had held a mini Craft Fair with Tea and Cake. Our local police came along to talk to people about keeping safe and the neighbourhood in general, which was much appreciated. We also had a council representative giving advice on saving energy in the home, with some useful tips. Although not as many attended as in previous years it was a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon – especially the cakes, of course.



Our November meeting takes place on Friday 14th when we will be holding a Craft Evening, with an activity on a Christmas theme for everyone to take part in, if they want to. Visitors are always welcome – our meetings are held in Bedmond Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.



Also in November, we will be holding a Community Café in the Tin Church, as we have in previous years, serving a light lunch of soup, a filled roll, hot drink and cake, all for £5. The date is Monday 17th, the time 12.00pm to 1.30pm – we hope you will join us; they are friendly and social events.



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Christmas Coffee Morning

10am – 1pm

Sat 29th November

St Lawrence Church Hall

Abbots Langley. WD5 0AS

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Buy your Christmas presents and cards too!

Deadline for all content for December Outlook is Monday 24th November