

Dear Reader ...

Her Majesty and her family as they celebrate this milestone.

With Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday celebrations almost upon us, we would like to congratulate the Queen on 70 years of service.

You will find some Jubilee related articles in this edition of Outlook, plus much more!

Our thoughts and prayers will be with

*Amanda Hawkes
Acting Parish Administrator*

Coming up in this edition...

We take a look at Her Majesty The Queen from 1952 until the present day, on pages 12 and 13.



Pirates in the choir?
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Want to know what to look out for in the churchyard this month? Turn to page 19.

Read about Kathryn Sanders exciting projects on page 6.



St Lawrence Church Fete

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Saturday 25th June

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JUNE CALENDAR

REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

Sunday

- 8am** Eucharist
at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am** Choral Eucharist
at St. Lawrence
- 11.15am** Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension
- 5pm** Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday

- 11.15am** Quiet Prayer
- 12.00 noon** Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

- 9.15am** Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday 10am
Parish Prayers with cup of
coffee
Breakspear Room

Monday 1.45 for 2pm
Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

Monday 9pm
Zoom Bible Study

OTHER EVENTS

10.00am Wednesday 1st
Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

3pm Saturday 4th
Jubilee Service
St Lawrence Church

12pm Sunday 5th
Jubilee Lunch
School Mead

Wednesday 8th June 3.30pm
Messy Church
Methodist Church

10.00am Friday 10th
Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

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Canopy conservation and Creation

By Kathryn Sanders

Last year, towards the end of my training at the Royal School of Needlework, I worked in their commercial studio. A wonderful opportunity to interact with some fascinating textiles, as well as assist on commissions. Unfortunately a number of these are closely guarded secrets that we are not permitted to discuss at the time.

One particular project posed me a great challenge to keep quiet, as I felt excited and privileged to be a part of it... the conservation of St Alban's shrine canopy and the creation of a new shrine canopy for the restored St Amphibalus shrine, also at St Albans Cathedral. Each canopy consists of 5 panels; two ends, two sides and the roof. First, the panels from St Alban's shrine canopy were documented and photographed, taking detailed measurements and noting any areas of particular damage or decay. The silk coverings were then carefully removed from the steel frames on which they were mounted. A gentle surface clean removed significant dust and soot; the change in colour was quite remarkable in places, restoring a brighter blush to the rose red background. Then came the meticulous conservation of areas where the original silk had perished, before they could be remounted on the steel frames.

By contrast, the St Amphibalus shrine canopy was a completely new creation that combines a number of embroidery techniques. Pieces of coloured silk were individually applied before being edged in silk floss or combinations of metallic threads and braid, finished with some cupped sequin embellishment.

During Evensong at 5pm on Friday 24th June the chapel to St Amphibalus will be officially dedicated, blessing the icons and new shrine furniture.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Mothers Union will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Their Patron Queen Elizabeth along with the rest of the country with special prayers.

Our meeting for 8th June will be a joint meeting morning and evening group. We will join together for Corporate Communion at 12 midday followed by a picnic in the churchyard at 12.45pm (in Breakspear room if raining).

For further information about Mothers' Union please contact Branch Leader Jill Matthews, email matthewsjill2410@gmail.com or 07966887380

Pirates in the Choir!

Did you know that two of the notorious Pirates of Penzance are members of St Lawrence choir? In fact the Pirate King himself was found lurking in the church car park complete with his fearsome sabre after singing in the guise of Alex Horrox White. Alongside him was the piratical maid of all work, Ruth, aka Emma Louise Stratton. It's a good job the visiting Bishop didn't know they were there!

These two will join their motley crew in an invasion of Watford Palace Theatre from June 8th – 11th when the Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society take their production of The Pirates of Penzance to the theatre.

It is a colourful, lively, and humorous production with fine singing and clever direction.

Tickets can be ordered from 01923 225671 or online at:

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Please come and support your local society who celebrated their 70th anniversary during Covid restrictions and this has been their first opportunity to perform live again.

Brenda Southorn
President ALGSS

Friends of St Lawrence

Many thanks to all those who made the Safari Supper on May 14th such a success. The evening began with drinks and starters in the hall and many thanks to Sue and Jane who produced some wonderful nibbles for us. From there we moved on to our hosts' houses for the main meal and were spoilt with some amazing dishes ... many thanks indeed to all who very generously hosted in their own homes. We ended the evening back in the hall and big thank you to Sara who produced a delightful array of desserts and cheeses.

Our next event ... the Guided Tours of St

Lawrence Church ... takes place in July and is part of the Abbots Langley Festival. So look out for:-

**GUIDED TOURS OF ST LAWRENCE
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SATURDAY 9TH JULY 10.00 –
11.30am & 1.30 – 5.00pm
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Tea and Homemade Cakes**

We are also looking forward to our event of the year which is an Open Garden at Pie Corner, so put the following date in your diary:-

**OPEN GARDEN at PIE CORNER,
BEDMOND
SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**

Parish People

By Brenda Southorn

Amanda Hawkes Acting Parish Administrator

Amanda was born at Watford General Hospital. She lived in Leavesden Green until she was 3 but then the family moved to Bedmond. Her father, also born in Watford, was a photo gravure operator in the printing industry. Her mother was born in London and worked in Marine Insurance, in the City. Her parents met as teenagers in 1963 while on holiday with their respective parents.

Amanda's paternal grandparents met during WW2. Her grandfather was a GI in the American Air Force and her Grandmother was in the WRAF. They met while both stationed at Bedford. They married and Amanda's father was born. They then moved to Arizona for 9 years where they ran a citrus fruit farm. However, Amanda's Nan found the heat out there unbearable and they returned to England and settled in Oxhey. Amanda has been able to travel widely in America visiting her many relatives there and has discovered that she is descended from the Cherokee tribe of Native Americans.

Amanda attended Bedmond School and then Parmiter's. From school she went to West Herts College to study Leisure and Tourism. She intended to do her HND in Leisure studies but a sports injury caused her to change direction. She obtained a post at Watford Council, working in the Electoral Unit in the Democratic Services Department. She was responsible for compiling the register of electors and assisting with organising all the elections held in Watford. It was a very busy role.

She started to do voluntary work with the



National Animal Welfare Trust in Watford, and this led to her applying for a job at the RSPCA Southridge Animal Centre near Potters Bar.

The job was rewarding but emotionally draining as Amanda worked with the long stay, challenging and cruelty case animals. She was there for nearly 6 years when, in 2006, she and a colleague decided to set up their own animal care business. This is still running but Amanda gave up work to have her children. In January 2022 Amanda started her present role as Acting Parish Administrator at St Lawrence Church.

She met her husband whilst they were both students and working part time as lifeguards. They were married in St Lawrence in 2007. She has two children, a girl, and a boy, who were both baptised in St Lawrence. They both enjoyed attending Tiny Tots and her daughter now sings in St Lawrence Youth Choir.

Animals have always played a big part in Amanda's life. She has fostered many types of animals and has volunteered with Cats Protection. She enjoys walking her rescued dogs, a crossbreed, and a Shih tzu, also swimming and sewing. Last year she took part in the national swimathon and swam 5k to raise funds for Cancer Research. While at Parmiter's she was chosen to swim for S W Herts in the Hertfordshire schools' finals on two occasions. She did Judo as a child and was selected to represent the County Judo Squad for Hertfordshire.

She enjoys working in the Parish Office and says that everyone has been friendly and welcoming.

A Heart for Abbots Langley

A Heart for Abbots Langley (AHAL) has been serving cuppas at its regular coffee morning in the Henderson Hub, formally Henderson hall since the mid 90's.

AHAL was started by a group of Christians from the local Churches. At that time there was no place in the village where people could meet for a chat and a cuppa. The "Coffee Shop" soon became very popular and became a regular meeting place for the retired folk of the village.

The coffee mornings are run by volunteers who bake a selection of homemade cakes, fruit and cheese scones and serve a selection of teas and coffee, all at reasonable prices. The surplus funds are distributed to various local charities every year.

The coffee mornings were forced to have a temporary break during covid when the Hub was closed. After two years of inactivity AHAL reopened in the Henderson Hub recently; however the committee have decided to move its base to the Methodist Church Hall just across the road. There is a lot more space and a large new kitchen available. We are sure

our regulars and new visitors will be very impressed with the new venue.

We are always looking for volunteers so, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer (baking is not mandatory, just a willingness to give some time and conversation). Duties by rotas would be just two or three mornings per quarter or if you are not interested in serving tables then baking of a cake once every five or six weeks would be brilliant. If either does not suit then just come along and join us for a coffee and a scone /cake, we are a very friendly bunch!

Our last day in the hub will be Wednesday 15th June. Then we will move to:

**Methodist Church Hall from
Thursday 23rd June between
10am—12 noon.**

**For further information
please call Marcus (01923
334387).**

Churchwardens

Carol Higgs
(churchwarden1@abbotslangley.org.uk)

Tom Betteridge
(churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

(Please note that Peter is on sabbatical leave until the beginning of June—contact Maxine Howarth or the Church office).



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Messy Church

It was so good to be back at the Methodist Church for our first afternoon there in over 2 years. It meant that we could manage our craft tables in the hall more easily with better access to the Church and that we could have Messy Tea altogether as a Messy Church Family.

As usual we had lots of messy crafts for the children to complete but this month as we are approaching the Queen's 70th Jubilee we made a huge banner for all the children to stick their crowns on. Great fun was had by all and we were delighted that once again, we could sit down together and eat a wonderful Messy Tea.

**Our next meeting will be in
the
Methodist Church,
Langley Road,
Abbots Langley
on
Wednesday 8th June from
3.30pm**

Messy Tea will be provided

If you are coming, please could you book in so we know how many to cater for.

Contact: Wendy Meldrum
wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Parish Office on 01923 261795.



Malawi Update

Our next event is:-

A Motoring Meander and Afternoon Tea

St Lawrence Church Saturday 16th July

We are pleased to have the Motoring Meander back on our events list again this year. The Motoring Meander is a gentle journey through beautiful countryside looking out for clues as you go.

Once you have finished the “treasure hunt”, come and enjoy an afternoon tea in the grounds of St Lawrence Church.

Prefer to skip the Meander and go straight for the Afternoon Tea? That is absolutely fine, just book yourself in!

For further details contact:- Eileen and David Adams on David.adams31@ntlworld.com or contact the Church Office on 01923 261795

The Motoring Meander is part of the Abbots Langley Festival.

CONTAINER ... just a reminder about the Container which will be leaving for Malawi.

The container will be loaded on June 11th and we will be packing the week before, so if you have items, **please can you let us have them by Tuesday 7th June.**

For the nurseries:

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

For the hospital:

- Children’s /toddlers/babies knitted jumpers.
- Bed sheets.
- Blood Pressure machines
- Bandages, cotton wool, gauze, gloves, incontinence pads for adults.
- Equipment for physiotherapy
- Manual sewing machines. Reels of cotton thread
- Maintenance tools.
- Heavy duty wear for staff ... heavy duty gloves and aprons.

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.

For the Secondary School:

- Stationery
- calculators,
- maths equipment
- sturdy footballs (deflated!!)

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

For more specialised items requested by the school, we are contacting LabAid and SportsAid to source these requests.

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!), or 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.

Her Majesty The Queen . . .

Princess Elizabeth, then aged 25, was visiting Kenya with her husband, Prince Philip, when her father, King George VI, died aged 56 on February 6, 1952. She cut short the trip and rushed back to Britain.

1953: The Coronation -

Queen Elizabeth II's coronation did not happen until the following year. She was crowned at Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, in front of 8,500 assembled guests. The ceremony was the first major televised international event and led to a surge in sales for television sets.



1977: Silver Jubilee -

The Queen's 25 years on the throne saw her reaffirm the vow of lifelong service to Britain and the Commonwealth she had made in a speech aged 21 in 1947. She toured the country and the Commonwealth. Celebratory street parties provided some respite from the economic gloom at home, marked by industrial decline and strikes.



1992: 'Annus horribilis' -

The Queen's eldest son and heir, Prince Charles, separated from Princess Diana, and her second son, Prince Andrew, split from his wife, Sarah.

Her only daughter, Princess Anne, divorced her husband, Mark Phillips. Windsor Castle, her favoured home west of London, was also seriously damaged by fire.

The Queen called the 12 months her "annus horribilis".

1997: Death of Diana -

Diana's death in a car crash on August 31, 1997 rocked the royal family to the core, provoking rare criticism of the Queen for staying at her Balmoral estate in Scotland.

She eventually returned, the Union Jack was lowered to half-mast at Buckingham Palace, and the Queen made a televised tribute to Diana, helping to calm public anger.

2002: Golden Jubilee -

Celebrations for the Queen's 50 years on the throne came in the same year as the deaths of her own mother and younger sister Margaret, and showed public support for the monarchy.

Huge crowds gathered on The Mall in central London to watch Queen guitarist Brian May play the national anthem from the roof of Buckingham Palace after a star-studded pop concert.



2011: Ireland state visit -

The Queen's visit to Ireland was the first by a British monarch since the Republic of Ireland won independence in 1922 and saw the republic's biggest-ever security operation. An address in Irish was symbolic, plus other gestures, helped galvanise reconciliation and cement the peace process in Northern Ireland, after years of conflict over British rule.

2012: Olympics and Diamond Jubilee

The Queen and other senior royals visited every region of Britain to mark her 60 years on the throne. Beacons were lit across the country, and a river pageant

was held in London.

A surprise cameo for the monarch alongside James Bond actor Daniel Craig was a hit at the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics.



2021: Covid, Philip, health fears -

The coronavirus pandemic forced the ageing Queen into self-isolation at Windsor, from where she made public appearances over video conference. Prince Philip died aged 99 in April 2021, while later that year fears grew for the Queen's own health after she spent a night in hospital and was forced to cut back her duties.

2022: Platinum Jubilee



From the Curate



As many of you will now be aware, my time at St Lawrence and Bedmond is coming to an end and I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all. I arrived in Abbots in September 2020, in the midst of many restrictions, then lighter restrictions and then more severe restrictions and so on. It was a hugely difficult time to arrive in a parish because there really was no opportunity to meet people in person as one would want to do when arriving in a new place. No harvest, a very toned down Remembrance season and a very muted Advent and Christmas followed. My mother dying after I had been in the parish only a month meant it had the potential to become a miserable experience as I completed my curacy.

As we all know, we have no control (largely) over the circumstances we find ourselves in sometimes – and had I been given the choice I would certainly have chosen different circumstances! I decided early on that my only option really was to roll with the punches as it were, and do what I feel God has called me to do. There is a verse in Jeremiah that says “See the peace and prosperity of the city into which I have called you.... Pray to the Lord for it” and that is exactly what I did. I am aware that neither Abbots Langley nor Bedmond

are cities (!) but the instruction remains the same – we are to pray for the places God calls us to.

So I got stuck in and made contact any way I could – by phone, email or (rarely) in person. People were so welcoming and willing to give of themselves in such a way that it made the task very easy for me. I prayed for those I had phone contact with, for those who were housebound, anyone and everyone I had contact with. I also started to think outside the box and tried to imagine how we might take elements of Christmas to people as we couldn’t gather in church. One of the things I remember most fondly from that time was organising 250 bags of home Christingle kits. It was a complete stab in the dark as to how many might be collected, but in the end, all 250 went to homes to be made up. More people watched and followed the service of the vicar and I in our Christmas jumpers, him singing and me talking them through the process of making their kits into Christingles than I had ever imagined. Had I have known I would at least have invested in a new jumper!!

Prayer for the place into which I have called you..... it made me think about the potential of what might be possible if we were to think further outside the box. I had been tasked with establishing a new ‘alternative’ service when I arrived in Abbots and after much praying, reflecting and talking, Breathing Space was born. Amidst much anxious anticipation from the team leading it, people came. Came to be, to listen, to reflect, to share food, to pray, to be silent and sometimes to try to make sense of the world. Now a well established event,

it has been one of the many joys of being amongst you, to see it take root and flourish.

Establishing a Pastoral team to assist in supporting people who have sought help has also been such a rewarding part of my curacy. Looking after each other is so important in our times as people struggle with loneliness and isolation, and it's so wonderful to have a team of people who are committed to this work. One of the painful moments during my time with you was presiding at my first Mass to an almost empty church. It was an entirely different experience to the one I had anticipated whenever I had imagined it, and odd to be communicating only through a camera. Wonderful then that my family were able to be in church with me, as we were obviously in a bubble together. A blessing to be able to minister to them so personally, but a great sadness that it had to be that way.

I am resigned to the fact that one of the things I will be most remembered for at St Lawrence is the "total bl**dy disaster" that was my sermon malfunction. It happened (just in case there is anyone out there who missed it!) on a Sunday morning when the vicar got his technology in a tangle. Literally. It resulted in my standing in front of an entire church full of people and three times (only three! It felt like at least double that amount!!) those famous words reverberated around the walls of our ancient church. Very, very loudly. In the end I begged the vicar to make it stop as the congregation rolled around the aisles and I gave up all hope of ever regaining control.

But, even in the midst of our apparent

mishaps and failures, God can work to use them to speak to people. One of my favourite stories of that episode was when someone told me that one of their relatives hadn't been to church in years but had heard about the hilarity of this particular service. Having watched it more than once (I mean, you would wouldn't you?!), he now regularly tunes in to watch services. Which I will take as a win – and definitely worth the pain of the mistake! Last time I checked, that video had been viewed over 5,000 times.

It was a different story when I went to see the Bishop for my end of curacy review and he asked how I thought it had gone during my time in Abbots. I replied that I thought it had gone really well, to which he replied "I hear it's been a total bl**dy disaster!" Yep, even the Bishop had seen it - in one of the deaneries in the diocese!!

So, thank you, people of Abbots Langley and Bedmond, for accepting me and my family into your lives for this time. Thank you for your love and support and your patience. Thank you for the fun and the sheer enjoyment - I consider myself to be so blessed to have experienced it with you all. Thanks also to Rev Peter Waddell for a great curacy, for all the tea and for being so hugely supportive. Do pray for the place into which God has called you, and for the people around you. It has been an absolute privilege to serve this community and St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension will forever have a special place in my heart.

Maxine

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Bedmond Village Hall	Simon Smith (07401 331302)
Bedmond Village Taskforce	bedmondvillagetaskforce@gmail.com
Bell Ringing	Phill Higgs (440676)
Bowling Club	off Langley Road (alongside the Scout HQ)
Breakspeare Community Pre-School	(by Tannerswood School) (274483)
Brownies, Rainbows and Guides	www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested
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Good Neighbours Association	Helpline for Transport (466667)
Hillside Residents Association	School Mead (261734)
Home Start (Helping Families Under Stress)	(248010)
Infant Welfare Clinic	St Saviour's Hall - Monday 1.30 to 3.00 pm (264639)
Jo Jingles	Mags Bilson (222529)
Karate Club (Junior)	(Scout HQ, Langley Road) Andrew Lewry (07774 161685)
Library	Open: Mon & Thu 2.00-6.00; Tue & Fri 9.00-6.00 Sat 9.00-1.00; Wed & Sun closed all day
Local History Society	Delva O'Reagan (267585)
Mothers' Union	Jill Matthews (262046)
Orchestra (ALO)	Penny Abbot (01442 873205)
Parent & Toddler Group	Community Centre; Tue, Wed & Friday 9.15-11.15 am
Parish Council and Halls	Council Office, Langley Road (265139)
Players (ALP)	Jean James (461549)
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Royal Air Forces Association	Mr R Sheminant (263141; rsheminant@gmail.com)
Royal British Legion	Secretary: Chris Driscoll (01923 675563)
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St Lawrence Church Flower Arrangers	Church Office (261795)
Scouts: Abbots Langley Scout Group	Alison Redmond gsl@abbotslangleyscouts.org.uk
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Bedmond Bells WI News

Bedmond Bells have been busy with a "Keep Bedmond Beautiful" litter pick. It was lovely that two parents came with their children, who were very enthusiastic. Twelve people in all participated—we hope for more next time!



Between us we collected a large number of bags of litter and rubbish, which Three Rivers District Council promptly collected. The village did look lovely and tidy after our group efforts. Some of our members and Buddy the dog enjoyed a lovely "bluebell walk" around Bedmond.

At our AGM, held on Friday 13th May, Janette Noonan stepped down as President. However, we are delighted to announce that Christine Hunt will now be in post. She will be an excellent leader.

Future plans include:

- more walks;
- a pub lunch;
- a walk and visit to Gorhambury House gardens and grounds;
- a visit to Hitchin Lavender Farm.

Our next open event will be our Jubilee themed coffee morning on **TUESDAY 31st May**, 10am -12pm ish . £2 coffee and biscuits. All welcome.



Stalls including:

- home made cakes;
- plants;
- books;
- bric a brac.

Please note that we are still raising funds for "Toilet Twinning".

Bedmond Bells WI welcome new members, women of all ages. We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month, Bedmond Village Hall, 7.30pm -10pm ish .

Please contact:

Janette Noonan 01923 266921 or Moira Bunting 01923 262242 for more information.

Memorial Service for Peter Sanders

The family of Peter Sanders would like to announce that there will be a memorial service for Peter on Saturday 2nd July at 2.30pm, in St Lawrence Church.

What to look out for in the Churchyard in June

Red Clover



Attracts butterflies, moths and other long-tongued insects, particularly bumblebees and hive bees - it is sometimes known as Bee Bread. Red Clover sets no seed in the absence of bees - this was discovered when the plant was first introduced to New Zealand and Australia, so bees had to be brought in to pollinate it. Leaves are food for the caterpillars of the Clouded Yellow, Small Skipper, Essex Skipper, Painted Lady and Pale Clouded Yellow butterflies, and several moths, such as the Latticed Heath, Shaded Broad-bar, Mother Skipton, Tawny Wave, Chalk Carpet and Belted Beauty. Also the Narrow-bordered five-spot Burnet

moth. Finches eat the seeds. It is, therefore, an important wildlife plant.

Oxeye Daisy

This hardy perennial grows from 30cm to 90cm in height. The stem is long, thin and hard with occasional branching along the stem. Positioned at the end of the stem is an apparent yellow and white flower. Each “flower” is actually composed of many hundreds of flowers or florets. The yellow center, “disc florets” and the white edges are called “ray florets”. The flower comes into bloom in the middle of May and continues to flower until the end of October although it is at its peak towards the end of June. The leaves are small with a rough toothed edge and those near the root are more round in shape with long stalks.



Funerals taken in May



Patricia Lakey

Christenings taken in May



Molly Strachan
Autumn Downer



The Vicar and Churchwardens invite you to

**A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving
on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of
Her Majesty the Queen.**

**St Lawrence Church
Abbots Langley
Saturday 4th June 2022
3.00pm**