

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

31st August 2025

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Hilary Samson-Barry

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Jan Palmer

Intercessions: Revd Helen Neville

11.30am Eucharist at the Church of
the Ascension

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
(Jeremiah 2: 4 – 13) (P. 709)
Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16 (P. 224)
Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14 (P. 74)

Hymns:
368: All my hope on God is founded
583: Teach me, my God and King
505: Lord Jesus Christ
362: Tell out My Soul

3.30pm The Spark Service at St
Lawrence Church

*Peter is taking the 10.00am service at St
Matthew's Oxhey and the 11.45 at St..
Paul's Bushey*

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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-



**Refreshments will
be served in the
Church Hall after
the 9.30am service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Would you like to be baptised or confirmed?

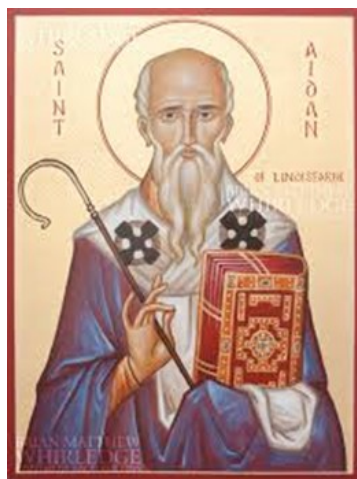
If you've been thinking about taking the next step in your Christian faith and getting baptised or confirmed, an opportunity is coming up in October. Please speak to Peter or Helen if you'd like to explore this.

In related news, **Friends And Faith** returns at 8pm on Thursday 25th September, when we'll be starting a short course looking at the essentials of the Christian faith as set out in the Creeds. As well as being a great way to make friends and grow in faith, this could be the ideal preparation for baptism and confirmation.... Why not give it a go!

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne

31 August

One of St Columba's monks from the monastery of Iona, Aidan was sent as a missionary to Northumbria at the request of King Oswald, who was later to become his friend and interpreter. Consecrated Bishop of Lindisfarne in 635, Aidan worked closely with Oswald and became involved with the training of priests. From the island of Lindisfarne he was able to combine a monastic lifestyle with missionary journeys to the mainland where, through his concern for the poor and enthusiasm for preaching, he won popular support. This enabled him to strengthen the Church beyond the boundaries of Northumbria. He died on this day in the year 651.



CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUNDAY

LUNCH: The next Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday 14th September at 1.00pm in the church hall.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the Tiny Tots
- For our schools as they return
- For our choirs as they return
- For All Saints, South Oxhey with Carpenders Park

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Jane Anderson; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Rob Sheppard

FOR THE DEPARTED

Christian Jean-Paul Briançon

NEXT SUNDAY

7th September 2025

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| 8.00am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 9.30am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 11.30am | Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension |
| 5.00pm | Breathing Space – <i>How do you navigate your moral compass in today's society?</i>
At St Lawrence Church |

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11 (P. 731)
Deuteronomy 30: 15 – end (P. 193)
Luke 14: 25 – 33 (P. 74)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday
Helen is away from the parish on placement in Bradford until 23rd September.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 1st September

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 2nd September

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 3rd September

10.00am Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

2.00pm Compassionate Café
Breakspeare Room

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 4th September

12.00 Pilgrims' Lunch
Breakspeare Room

Friday 5th September

10.00am Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 6th September

11.00am Christening of George Collins
Richardson
St Lawrence Church

11.00am Autumn Fest
School Mead

1.30pm Christening of Lily Wakefield
St Lawrence Church

7.30pm The Watford Band
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 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

As part of her training, Helen is away for the next three weeks on placement at a parish in Bradford. She returns from 23rd September.

**Open Garden at Pie Corner, Bedmond
Sunday 7th September 2pm – 5pm.**

Step back in time with a V80-themed afternoon in a beautiful garden setting. Explore: a stunning sunken garden, children's trail, wooded areas and a flourishing vegetable garden. Enjoy tea, coffee, and homemade cakes in a relaxed countryside atmosphere. Entry: £6.00; Children FREE. Parking available. Come along and enjoy a nostalgic afternoon for the whole family!

Cake and Praise - Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church, Watford. A warm invitation to all the churches in the deanery to come together for worship and friendship. All are welcome.

Gravetalk – Tuesday 23rd September, 7:30pm. Churches Together in Abbots Langley invite you to an informal, café-style evening at Elvira's (Henderson Hub), offering a relaxed and welcoming space to explore conversations around death, dying, and funerals. A chance to connect with others open to honest, thoughtful and even light-hearted conversations about death in a your free place, email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

Friends of St Lawrence and Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society present 'Where it all began' Celebrate the founding of the Abbots Langley G&S Society with songs from principals past and present. Saturday 27th September at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. FREE admission: donations to FOSL and ALGSS.

The Foodbank are in desperate need of cans of pulses, such as chickpeas and kidney beans. If you are able to donate these items, please leave them at the back of the church. Thank you.

Talk on the "Bedmond Pioneers" by John Noonan & reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms. **Friday 26th September at 7.30pm** in the Church of the Ascension. Learn about the Bedmond Pioneers and their efforts to raise funds and morale during WW2. **Tickets: £5 in advance from John Noonan on 07856 732672 or on the door (includes refreshments).** All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church.

The Watford Band presents 'Music Through The Ages' - Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Adults £10 / Children FREE. Refreshments and a raffle. Tickets on the door or in advance via: www.ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband or contact: 07796 175838.

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