

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

30th March 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / MOTHERING SUNDAY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Hilary Causer
- 9.30am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Jan Palmer
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of the
Ascension
- President Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**
Exodus 2:1-10 (P. 50)
(Colossians 3:12-17) (P. 198)
John 19:25b-27 (P. 111)
- Hymns:**
2: Christ, whose glory fills the skies
406: Come thou fount of every blessing
489: Jesus, Lord we look to thee
383: Be Still for the Presence
455: Guide me O thou great Redeemer
- 3.30pm** The Spark Service in 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 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:

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

All people that on Earth do dwell

Thomas Tallis

All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

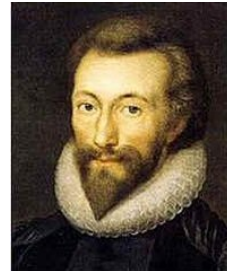
For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Amen

John Donne, Priest & Poet

31 March

John Donne was born in about the year 1571 and brought up as a Roman Catholic. He was a great-great nephew of Thomas More, although this seems to have had little influence on him, as he led a somewhat debauched youth and was extremely sceptical about all religion. He went up to Oxford when he was fourteen, studied further at Cambridge and perhaps on the Continent, and eventually discovered his Christian faith in the Church of England. After much heart-searching, he accepted ordination and later the post of Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Much of his cynicism dissolved and he became a strong advocate for the discerning of Christian vocation, and in particular affirming his own vocation as a priest, loving and loved by the crucified Christ. The people of London flocked to his sermons. He died on this day in the year 1631. His love-poetry and religious poems took on a renewed life in the twentieth century and his place both as a patristic scholar and as a moral theologian are confirmed by his prolific writings and the publication of his sermons.



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 all parents and children.
- For the Parish of St Peter's, Watford,
- For the people of Myanmar.
- For all living in poverty.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Pope Francis; Laya Watters; Angela Powley; Wendy Westoby

FOR THE DEPARTED

Terri Garbutt; Graham Page;

NEXT SUNDAY

30th March 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 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

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 (P. 682)
Philippians 3: 4b - 14 (P. 195)
John 12: 1 - 8 (P. 102)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 31st March

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 1st April

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 2nd April

10am Coffee Morning

Tin Church

12.00 Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

2.00pm Compassionate Café

Breakspear Room

6.30pm Junior Choir Practice

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Practice

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 3rd April

12.30pm Lent Course: Heresy 101

Breakspear Room

3.30pm Funeral of Graham Page

West Herts Crematorium

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 4th April

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 5th April

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

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

Our **Stewardship Campaign** concluded officially on Sunday 16th March - but it's not too late to get those pledge cards back in!! Please return them to the Parish Office this week if you haven't already.

This Lent, we invite you to join us for a Lent group looking at some of the most notable heresies in the history of the Church. *Heresy 101: A Lent Journey Through Error and Truth*. Every Thursday (until 10th April) at 12:30pm in the Breakspear Room, St Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

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.**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of **Easter-themed crafts at St Lawrence Church** on Saturday 12th April from 3pm - 5pm.

All are warmly welcome to attend and there will be lots of exciting activities for children to enjoy. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Please register by emailing** pennymcloughlin@live.co.uk if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Palm Crosses - do come along on 9th April, from 10.30am - 12.00pm in the Breakspear Room, if you would like to know how to make a Palm Cross. Please bring a pair of scissors with you. We need to make all the Palm Crosses ready to be handed out at Kitters Green on Palm Sunday.

If you would like breakfast on Easter Monday, please sign the form at the back of church. The cost is £3.50 per person.

Coffee Morning at the Tin Church - Wednesday 2nd April 10am - 12pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a relaxing time with tea, coffee, delicious cakes, and great company. We look forward to seeing you there!

Malawi Quiz - Many thanks to everyone who supported the Quiz last weekend. Feedback from those who attended has been very positive. Financially the evening was very successful with £1,137 being added to our Malawi funds. A great result.

Sponsor an Easter Lily - Please let the church office know if you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation £5.00.

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