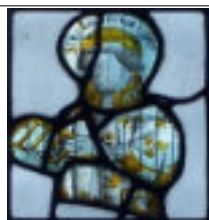


THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

1st November 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Edward Johnson

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Readers: Gillian Furphy
Joe Halford

Intercessions: Roland Maxted

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Ann Bolitho Jones

Readings:
Revelation 7.9–17 (P. 247)
1 John 3.1–3 (P. 237)
Matthew 5.1–12 (P. 4)

Hymns:
230 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
Psalm 34
557 Praise to the Holiest
519 Make me a channel of your peace
232 For all the saints

3.00pm CTAL Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for the Bereaved at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at St Lawrence Church Hall

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-aid users.



Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 34 Response



PSALM 34:

Response: *O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Response:

3 O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Response:

5 Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Response:

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Response:

9 Fear the Lord all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Response:

ANTHEM:

Holy is the True Light

William Henry Harris

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parish of St John’s, Watford • Messy Church • The work of Watford New Hope • The armed forces <p>FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED</p> <p>Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Jenny Perman; Sandra Clarke</p> <p>FOR THE DEPARTED</p> <p>Mike Burns; Elizabeth Pazzi-Axworthy</p>	<p>Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i></p> <p><u>Monday 2nd November</u></p> <p>10.00am Coffee Morning <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><u>Tuesday 3rd November</u></p> <p>8.00pm Bloses <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting <i>Church Hall</i></p>
NEXT SUNDAY	
<p>Sunday 8th November 2026 Remembrance Sunday</p> <p>8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence</p> <p>9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence</p> <p>10.50am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial</p> <p>11.15am Remembrance Service at St Lawrence Church</p> <p>3.00pm Remembrance Service at The Church of the Ascension</p> <p>5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 4th November</u></p> <p>10.00am Bedmond Coffee Morning <i>The Tin Church</i></p> <p>12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p>2.00pm Compassionate Cafe <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p>8.00pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><u>Thursday 5th November</u></p> <p>8.00pm Alpha Course <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p><u>Friday 6th November</u></p> <p>10.00am Tin Church Craft Group <i>The Tin Church</i></p> <p>2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>6.30pm Monthly Quarter Peal Attempt <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><u>Saturday 7th November</u></p> <p>9.30am Churchyard Working Party <i>St Lawrence Churchyard</i></p>
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
<p>Amos 5.18–24 (P. 868)</p> <p>Psalms 70 (P. 543)</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 4.13–end (P. 202)</p> <p>Matthew 25.1–13 (P. 27)</p>	
AVAILABILITY	
<p>Peter is off on Friday this week.</p>	

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 or scan the QR code. 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: pgsecretary@abbotslangley.co.uk

There will be a **CTAL Service for Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the Bereaved** today, Sunday 1st November at 3pm in St Lawrence Church. Refreshments will be provided after the service. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Christian Aid are hosting a fundraising dinner at La Banq on Monday 9th November at 7pm. A 2-course meal for £23. <https://tinyurl.com/banq26> or contact Peter Jowsey on 07837 400480.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union **Christmas Coffee Morning**. Saturday 28th November, 10am–1pm. Come enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties and a cup of coffee and homemade cake...and buy some Christmas presents. If you are able to make a cake for the event please contact Wendy wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Society—75th Anniversary Concert. Saturday 14th November, 11am at St Lawrence Church. Free admission; donations welcome. Refreshments from 10.30am.

The Friends Christmas Wreath Festival. Saturday 19th December 10.30am–4pm and Sunday 20th December 12–4pm. We are delighted to be hosting our very popular Wreath Festival again in St Lawrence this year. Please come along and enjoy the wonderful creations on display. If you would like to make one yourself or on behalf of your organisation or business, please see leaflets at back of Church for more information or contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration. Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR
THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.



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