

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th October 2023

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

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Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Phill Higgs

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension

Reader: Linda Ball

Readings:

Isaiah 25: 1 - 9 (P. 662)
(Philippians 4: 1 - 9) (P. 196)
Matthew 22: 1 - 14 (P. 23)

Hymns:

546: O worship the King
589: The King of Love
54: I cannot tell
330: We come to this your table Lord
502: Light's abode, celestial Salem

2.00pm - 7.00pm Baby Loss Drop in
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
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.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. 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 Church Hall after the 9.30am service.



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COLLECT:

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 PRAYER:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE NOTES:

Another uncomfortable parable from Matthew! The parable of the wedding banquet speaks at once of God's astonishing generosity – the offer of salvation is held out to all, 'both good and bad', without exception. The invitation is given to people who are quite unprepared for it, who have done nothing to qualify for it. All are welcome to share in the great feast of God (a point underlined repeatedly in Isaiah 25, striking in the Old Testament for its unequivocal declaration of God's love for all peoples – not just Israel). And yet, the man without the wedding robe is then cast out into darkness. It seems that though the invitation is issued to all, it nevertheless comes with some kind of demand – a demand which must be met, or we shall be lost. Making sense of this paradox is at heart of today's teaching.

Luke the Evangelist

18 October

Luke was a dear friend of the apostle Paul, and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul describes him as 'the beloved physician' and, in his second Letter to Timothy, as his only companion in prison. He is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament, firstly the gospel which stands in his name and also the *Acts of the Apostles*. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ has a pictorial quality and shows the sequential pattern from the nativity through to the death and resurrection. The developed sense of theology that comes over in Paul's writings is virtually unknown in those of Luke but, as a Gentile, Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of sex, social position or nationality. Traditionally, Luke wrote his gospel in Greece and died in Boeotia at the age of eighty-four.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For people of Israel, the Gaza Strip, and the wider Middle East.
- For all victims of terrorism and war.
- For wise political leadership at home and abroad.
- For those mourning baby loss.
- For Miriam Job as she is confirmed next Saturday.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Doreen Wilson;
Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Pamela Shepherd; Margaret Gurney; Mavis Boarder; Diana Wernham; Grace Lilian Hickling;

NEXT SUNDAY

22nd October 2023

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 33: 12 - end (P. 82)
Isaiah 45: 1 - 7 (P. 684)
1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10 (P 200).
Matthew 22: 15 - 22 (P. 23)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Saturday.

Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 16th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.20pm Funeral of Mavis Boarder

West Herts Crematorium

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

2.00pm Friends of the Tin Church

Committee Meeting

The Church of the Ascension

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 17th October

7.30pm Abbots Langley Explorer Scouts

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 18th October

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 19th October

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

12.30pm Bible Group - Women in the Old Testament

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 20th October

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

12.30pm Funeral of Margaret Gurney

St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Baby Loss Awareness drop in is today - Sunday 15th October, 2.00pm to 7.00pm, St Lawrence Church. Drop in throughout the day to light a candle and join us at 7.00pm for the Global Wave of Light. **There will be no 5.00pm Evening Prayer this evening.**

The Malawi Project Gourmet Dinner with Entertainment - Saturday 18th November 2023 doors open at 7.00pm. £18.50 per person. Table of 6 or join another table. 100% of money raised will go to Malawi Projects. Tickets available from Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or David Adams: david.adams31@ntlworld.com

Christian Aid Fundraising Meal at Abbots Tandoori. Monday 6th November at 7.00pm. £20.00 per person. Tickets available from Peter Jowsey: 01923 268552 or book online at: <https://tinyurl.com/klmeal>

Women of the Old Testament. This new group continues to meet, Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!) in the Breakspear Room. This week they will be looking at Tamar (Genesis), contact Helen for more info and pre-reading!

Job Vacancy at Watford Foodbank - Foodbank Manager - this is a new, full-time, salaried role based at the administrative Hub, Imperial Way, Watford, working 9.00am—5.00pm Monday to Friday. £30,000 per annum. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023, start date January 2024. For a full job description and further enquiries, please email: trustees@watford.foodbank.org.uk

We are looking for two extra helpers to help at Sunday coffee after the 9.30am service. This would be roughly every 6 weeks. If you are able to help please contact the Church Office: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk or 01923 261795. Thank you.

There will be no 11.30am service at Bedmond on 12th November due to the Remembrance Service in St Lawrence Church. There will however, be a Remembrance Service at Bedmond at 3.00pm on 12th

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