



Outlook

May 2025

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

50p



Dear Reader

Welcome to the May edition of *Outlook!* As we begin a new month, we're excited to share updates on church events and services, as well as some wonderful news - the container has arrived safely in Malosa, Malawi!

We hope that you will find this edition both informative and interesting. Until next time...

Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of *Outlook*

The container items reached the hospital in Malosa...

(See page 7 for more information).



Stationery for the primary schools



Sorting the knitwear before handing it out to the families.



Tools for the hospital maintenance team.



A young disabled woman receives a wheelchair and is able to go out for the first time.



The hospital receives all the items we sent and are starting the task of sorting it.



Volunteers at one of the Community Based organisations receiving gifts to be distributed to those in need in the community.



Volunteers on a home visit distributing much needed incontinence pads.



May Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE

TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist

at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist

at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at

the Church of the

Ascension

Wednesday

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekly events do not happen on a bank holiday.

Monday 10am

Coffee Morning

Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots

Breakspeare Room

(Term time only)

Thursday 8.00pm

Friends and Faith Group

Breakspeare Room

Friday 10.00am

Bedmond Bells Craft and

Chat

The Church of the

Ascension

Friday 2pm

Craft and Conversation

Breakspeare Room

OTHER EVENTS

Thurs 1st May, Sat 3rd
May, Mon 5th May, Tues

6th May, Wed 7th May
10am to 12 noon and Fri

2nd May 1pm to 3pm

V80 Exhibition

The Tin Church

Saturday 3rd 9.30am

Churchyard Working

Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

Saturday 3rd May 11am

Parmiter's School in
Concert

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 4th 5.00pm

Breathing Space

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 4th 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group

Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm

Bereavement Visitors

Panel Event

Elvira's, Henderson Hub

Wednesday 7th 10.00am

Coffee Morning

The Tin Church

Wednesday 7th 2.00pm

Compassionate Café

Breakspeare Room

Saturday 10th 11am

Spring Concert

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 14th 11am

Mother's Union

Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 14th 3.30pm

Messy Church

Methodist Church

Saturday 17th 11am

Southern and Stratton

Family in Concert

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 18th 1.00pm

Sunday Lunch

St Lawrence Church Hall

Thursday 22nd 8pm

APCM

St Lawrence Church Hall

Saturday 24th 11am

Organ Recital by Peter

Wadl

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 25th 3.30pm

The Spark Service

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 29th 8pm

Ascension Day Patronal

Festival

The Church of the
Ascension (Tin Church)

Saturday 31st 11am

Just A Capella in Concert

St Lawrence Church



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Messy Church

We all had great fun at our Easter Messy Church at St Lawrence in April. Dennis told us the story of the last week of Jesus' of Life in Church then the children set off on an Easter trail. The weather was glorious and the children had a wonderful afternoon in the churchyard looking for clues to their Easter Treasure trail. Once completed, everyone made their way to the church hall with "treasure" at the end for all the children.

The afternoon continued in the church hall with lots of Easter related crafts and activities followed by an Easter party tea for everyone. It was a very busy afternoon with several new families attending and we all enjoyed a fun and messy time together!

**Our next Messy Church is on
Wednesday 14th May at the usual
time of
3.30pm – 5.45pm at the Methodist
Church.**

We look forward to seeing you there for fun, worship and a meal together... all free, though donations welcome. Please contact Wendy Meldrum to let us know you are coming on wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795



V80 Exhibition at the Tin Church

As part of the V80 programme of events, 'A Parish at War', World War 2 Exhibition will be held in the Tin Church on **Thurs 1st May, Sat 3rd May, Mon 5th May, Tues 6th May, Wed 7th May from 10am to 12 noon and Fri 2nd May from 1pm to 3pm.**

An exhibition presenting the impact of WW2 on Abbots Langley and the surrounding villages, researched by members of the Abbots Langley Local History Society mainly from local archives and reminiscences of local people that lived through those times. **Free Event.** All are welcome.

A Childhood Memory of V.E. Day

When our daily newspaper (rationed to four pages) was delivered, the headlines declared that the enemy had capitulated and the war was ended. This was not a surprise to me, as for years I had seen photographs of a smiling Winston Churchill, promising us certain victory. During the morning, a mature lady knocked on our front door and told my mother that I was invited to a children's party, to be held that afternoon, in the middle of the road. This seemed amazing, and we soon noticed that many kind neighbours had allowed their furniture (including a piano) to be carried outside and arranged for this purpose.

Being an only child, and a recently returned evacuee, I was rather anxious about where I would be seated. Surely not next to a boy! In the event, I

was relieved to sit between two older girls that I already knew. Thanks to petrol rationing, except for the occasional horse and cart delivering milk or coal, no vehicles used our street. It had become a children's playground and the girls had taught me some skipping games.

The tables had been covered with cloths and set with plates of dainty paste or jam sandwiches and small home-made cakes. Of course there was no ice cream. It had not been made during the war. There was no jelly either, as this was classed as a non-essential food, obtainable only with coupons from a ration book. Nevertheless, we children thoroughly enjoyed a day's holiday from school, and the novelty of eating outside.

But the happiest people at the party were all the smiling mothers standing around watching us. They were now free from the anxieties of war and able to hope for a better future for their children.

By Joan Sutton

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is from 11th - 17th May. If you would like to help with the collection in Kings Langley please contact Peter Jowsey: peterjowsey4@gmail.com or 07837 400480.

Malawi Project

THE 2024 CONTAINER TO MALAWI HAS ARRIVED!



The container, with the items that we sent to our friends in Malawi, has arrived! It set off from Birmingham in September last year (2024) and arrived in Malosa in March this year taking more than 6 months to get there! We understand that the container was held up in Mozambique due to the political unrest there. As Malawi has no coast line of its own, all goods have to cross through a third country in order to arrive at their destination. We have heard from our contacts that they have received all the gifts that were sent.

So what did we send?

For St Luke's Hospital, Malosa we donated linen, bandages, cotton wool, blood pressure monitoring machines, catheters, incontinence pads, PPE, sheets, blankets, crutches and wheelchairs. We sent tools for hospital maintenance staff.

For the Hospital community projects we donated knitted garments for newborns, babies and toddlers, knitted blankets for new mothers, nursery school resources, material and cotton reels for the tailoring project. We also sent footballs as the Primary Health Care Co-Ordinator for the Community Based Organisation's youth groups.

For the Malosa Secondary School we donated maths equipment and textbooks and Bibles. Sports kit which was donated by Kit Aid in Hatfield. We also donated footballs, netballs and netball tabards, baseballs, table tennis equipment and board games.

We have included some of the pictures we were sent from the hospital of the gifts they received. We haven't received any pictures yet from the school but we will show these when are in receipt of them.

A huge thank you to all those who donated items to our friends in Malosa, Malawi and especially to all our knitters who made such beautiful garments for the babies and children there. It is humbling to think that the items we have sent will have a profound affect on the lives of people who live thousands of miles away. They live in one of the poorest parts of the world and it gives them hope and joy to know that people who are strangers to them care enough to give of their time, money and effort.

Thank you from all the Malawi Team to everyone who donated so generously to the container.

OUR NEXT EVENT:

**60'S AND 70'S MUSIC NIGHT:
SATURDAY 10TH MAY 7.30PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL**

Come and join us for a night of 60s and 70s music and fun! There will be a quiz, a 60s and 70s themed buffet and, of course, dancing (not compulsory!). There are lots of other exciting fun things to do... so come along and find out! There are tables of 8 so you can either gather together all your friends and relations for a table, or join a table on the night. The tickets are £10pp and it is bring your own drink. We will be having a raffle. Contact Wendy Meldrum on: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795.

(See photos of the gifts received by the hospital on page 2).

Parish People

Lizzie Hood Part 2

With her children now in primary school, and working life split between the library service and piano teaching, Lizzie was content with her life. However in 1998 she had the greatest surprise when, at a friend's ordination, she sensed a call to the priesthood herself. Her response was, 'don't be ridiculous!' It seemed absurd, but because she was sure it was not her own idea, she set about testing it out, with Brian Andrews' support. She took up various responsibilities at St Lawrence, which included being a pastoral assistant, a Seekers leader, baptism visitor, server and PCC member, as well as forming a youth band and the Junior Choir.

Unfortunately, all of this was brought to a sudden halt when she developed ME. It was a very challenging time, not knowing if recovery would be possible, but it was also an instructive experience in learning to *be* rather than *do*. Thankfully, after three years the symptoms improved and Lizzie resumed the discernment process. Having been recommended for stipendiary ministry, she began her training in 2005. A residential college was not going to fit in with the family's circumstances, so she trained on the part-time Eastern Region Ministry Course. This entailed weekly study evenings at St Albans Cathedral and residential weekends and summer schools in Suffolk. Part of the training involved worshipping at churches of different traditions in Apsley, Croxley Green and South Oxhey, so she had to pull back



from some of her responsibilities at St Lawrence.

In 2008 (still slightly incredulous!) Lizzie was ordained Deacon and became the Curate at St John's Boxmoor, and a year later she was ordained Priest. St John's was a flourishing church with a strong musical tradition, and it was a good training ground. During her time there she had placements in the chaplaincies of the Hospice of St Francis, and The Mount Prison.

In 2012 Lizzie was appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green in the Langelei Team. This is a lovely village church (do pop in if you haven't seen inside!) with a good congregation, strong community engagement and a church school. It was a very happy match and she loved her time there. In 2015 Lizzie became Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead and 2 years later took on the responsibility of Team Rector, overseeing the parishes of Kings Langley, Bennetts End and Apsley as well as Leverstock Green.

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When she looks back over her life, Lizzie feels that every experience - music, theatre, information work - was pointing to priesthood, even though it was not clear at the time. Despite the long hours and pressures of the role, it has been a huge privilege and joy to serve in licensed ministry. Lizzie retired from her role as Rector of Langelei in April 2024.

She is now moving into a new phase, which has coincided with the birth of her first grandchild, Nathan. She is glad to have time to support her daughter, Ali, and delights in seeing her grandson. Her son James works in the film industry in Montreal, so a trip to Canada is on the horizon. Some ministry continues - covering services for churches in vacancy, conducting funerals, supervising an ordinand, leading retreats and offering pastoral care to clergy widows.

Lizzie is a very keen gardener, which is just as well with a very large garden which needs clearing of brambles! She now has time to make music again, so the piano is back in action. After being constantly among people, retirement is a massive change, but it's time for a slower pace and more time with family and friends. Lizzie is enjoying being back at St Lawrence when other duties allow, and hopes to become more involved as time goes on.

Brenda Southorn

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Thank you to all those who joined us to make 285 palm crosses ready for Palm Sunday.

Our May meeting will be on
Wednesday 14th May at 11.00am in the Breakspear Room. All are welcome for coffee and chat, which will be followed by Corporate Communion at 12.00pm in St Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join us.

Branch Leader Jill Matthews
Mobile: 07966887380
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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.

Welcomers at Weddings and Funerals

We are looking for Welcomers to assist at weddings and funerals in St Lawrence Church. Full training will be provided, and you'll be paid for your time. If you're interested in this role, please contact the church office on 01923 261795.

From the Vicar

The planet K2-18b orbits a star 124 light years away. In our fastest spaceship, it is a mere 187,000 years of a journey. So not, you might think, the most relevant place to your life. However, K2-18b is absolutely thrilling, and might yet change how we think about everything – God and religion included.

It turns out that the atmosphere of K2-18b (for which we surely need another name!) contains one or both of the gases dimethyl sulphide (DMS) and dimethyl disulphide (DMDS), present in concentrations of at least ten parts per million. That is exciting, because on Earth, those gases are produced solely by living beings. Making all due allowance for the fact that things might be different on another planet, scientists are now scratching their heads to find any other explanation for their presence at such high and steady levels in K2-18b. As things stand, however, Dr Nikku Madhusudhan of the Institute of Astronomy at the University of Cambridge, says: “Given everything we know about this planet, a hycean world with an ocean that is teeming with life is the scenario that best fits the data we have.” (“The word “hycean” is a combination of the terms “hydrogen” and “ocean” – who says you can’t learn things in parish magazines?).

K2-18b has suddenly jumped to the top of the list of planets that might host life. Perhaps it will simply be tiny microbes, or perhaps ... what? Could this be the first step in discovering beings comparable to ourselves, perhaps unimaginably different, perhaps far



beyond us in sophistication, power and wisdom? And if it is, how should Christians react to that? What sort of questions might learning that we are not alone pose us about God, reality and our place in it?

The first Christian reaction, I think, should be to say ‘wow’. Wow, for starters, at the amazing combination of technology and ingenuity which has allowed our scientists to work out the proportion of gases in an atmosphere so far away. Their brilliance is breathtaking. And ‘wow’, too, at the vastness and wonder of the reality within which we find ourselves. It is said that if you could count all the grains of sand on all the beaches of the world you would still have barely begun to number the stars – and each star is a sun like ours, with planets whirling around it. The sheer vastness of reality should overwhelm us, with wonder and humility.

Unfortunately, that hasn’t always been the Christian reaction to these kind of discoveries. One earlier, similar, challenge came in the nineteenth century when geology and paelontology showed clearly that the earth was inconceivably more ancient than anyone had imagined. Darwin followed that by

showing that human beings had themselves evolved over millennia from more primitive life forms. It all seemed to shake the simple biblical picture, of humans created at the dawn of time and being the central characters in our planet's story. Unsurprisingly, some Christians chose simply to deny the facts, to say that the fossils must all be fakes or planted by God to test our faith. Happily, these refuseniks were always a small minority. Most Christians quickly reconciled themselves to the new world picture. However, the fundamentalist temptation is always there, and there will be some Christians who simply refuse to accept that aliens *could* be real, that the universe could be teeming with worlds and civilisations we cannot yet imagine. Such small-mindedness is, in all probability, waiting to be mugged by reality and will – eventually – look as incredible as seven day creationists do to most of us today.

There is in fact a long tradition of Christians speculating about worlds beyond our own. Quite apart from the traditional belief in angels, in the 15th century, we have a Franciscan friar, Guillaume de Vaurouillon, and Nicholas of Cusa, perhaps the greatest theologian of his age, both exploring the possibility of alien life. In the 17th, the Dominican Tommaso Campanella (writing in defense of Galileo) also raised the issue. The Anglican John Ray, who wrote of the possibility of other solar systems with planets that were “in all likelihood furnished with as great variety of corporeal creatures, animate and inanimate, as the earth is, and all as different in nature as they are in place from the terrestrial, and from each other.”

I owe all those examples to the current Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University, the priest Andrew Davison. Andrew's latest book is *Astrobiology and Christian Doctrine: Exploring the Implications of Life in the Universe* – and if you're interested in what a really serious Christian intellectual engagement with these questions looks like, that's where to go. (If you google 'Davison we believe in miracles, so why not aliens?' you'll also get a good and considerably shorter taste of his argument). Or, if imagination and fiction appeals more than academic theology, why not give C.S. Lewis' little known 'Space Trilogy' a go? Lewis was fascinated by the possibility of alien life, and what it might mean for Christians. His novels *Out of the Silent Planet*; *Perelandra*, and *That Hideous Strength* are well worth the read – not least for what they say about our own world.

Need it shake Christian faith to discover that the universe teems with strange life of which we yet know nothing? No. It might change faith, of course. It might require some serious re-thinking, re-imagining. At its best, however, Christianity has always been up for that kind of challenge. Let's contemplate the possible wonders of K2-18b and beyond, and get thinking.

Peter

Churchyard News

Notable Graves in Our Churchyard

Abbots Langley History Society have recently started a YouTube channel and have chosen to do a piece on notable graves in St Lawrence Churchyard. You can view the whole video by using the QR code below but for those unable to view it in this way we thought we would, over the next few months, highlight some of the graves that have been featured. We are grateful to Trevor Baker for allowing us to use his material. We start with John Evans whose family have recently had the tomb cleaned. The tomb is close to the garden of remembrance in the churchyard on the north side of the church close to the north east corner of the Church. It is quite a distinctive shape,

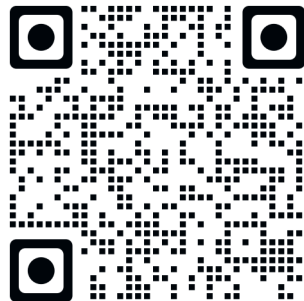
Sir John Evans was a nephew and partner of John Dickinson and took over the running of the stationery business on John Dickinson's death in 1869. He lived in Nash Mills House, which today has been converted into apartments.

He retired from active management of John Dickinsons in 1885 to focus on his hobby and passion for archaeology. He became a fellow of the Royal Society in 1864, a member of the London Geological Society in 1874 and High Sheriff of Hertfordshire in 1881. He was awarded the Geological Society's Lyell Medal in 1880 for his pioneering archaeological works of literature. He died in 1908 and alongside him lie the remains of his son, Sir Arthur Evans who died in July

1941. He was also a pioneering

archaeologist who was famous for his excavations of the Minoan civilisation in Knossos on the Greek island of Crete.

Trevor Baker



Abbots Langley Players

Our Spring play is a 'dark comedy'. We all know that family relationships can sometimes get strained to breaking point, even at Christmas get-togethers, and this family gathering is certainly no exception. Members rigidly try to stick to their own rules, no matter how badly everyone else is affected, and even the audience can see what those rules are and whether they are being followed. It runs at the Henderson Hub from Thursday May 1 until Saturday May 3 at 7.30 with a Matinee on the Saturday at 2.30. Tickets £15 from Ticket Source or phone 08448045354.

We won't be staging a play this summer. Instead we're putting on a series of evening sessions called Summer Shorts in the Barn behind the Henderson Hall. They will be on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays and will include a Theatre-based quiz, workshops on stage combat, voice production, technical aspects and some play readings (you can either take part or just watch and enjoy), a games evening, an explanation about what is involved in setting up a play, and some Rehearsed Readings. They're open to everyone and details will be appearing shortly on social media, posters and fliers etc. and through Ticket Source. Sessions will be free, though contributions to cover costs would be appreciated, and there will be light refreshments. Enjoy some Summer evenings out with friends and strangers.



Friends of St Lawrence

OUR NEXT EVENT PUZZLE AND TOY FAIR SATURDAY JUNE 7th 10am – 2pm. St Lawrence Church Hall

Our next event will be a Puzzle and Toy Fair in June. Please continue to save those jigsaw puzzles that you have been doing throughout the winter and pass them on to us for the Fair in June. Also, any games and toys that you no longer need would be very welcome. So, don't throw away any puzzles, games or toys, please pass them on to us!

We will be collecting any puzzles, games and toys that you have to donate in the week before the fair, (Monday 2nd June onwards) so please let us know so we can arrange for you to drop them off or for us to collect them.

**Also, the Church Hall will be open for anyone to drop off items on:-
FRIDAY 6TH JUNE FROM 4PM TO 6.00PM.**

Put the date in your diaries and be sure to come along. We will be serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes so that you can peruse the puzzles, games and toys at your leisure and then sit down with your purchases to enjoy some well deserved refreshments!

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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)
Library	Open: Mon & Thu 1.00pm-6.00pm; Tue & Fri 9.30am-6.00pm Sat 9.30am - 1.00pm; 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)
Royal British Legion	Secretary: Chris Driscoll (01923 675563)
St Lawrence Church Hall	Church Office (261795)
St Lawrence Church Flower Arrangers	Church Office (261795)
Scouts:1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford)	Chair: Richard Gabriel chair@abbotslanglescouts.co.uk
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Swift Boxes

We can confirm that in March the swift boxes were fitted in behind the louvers on one side of the St Lawrence church tower. As the staircase and ladders in the tower are narrow they had to be taken up in pieces and assembled once they were on the level where the bells are situated. We are very grateful to Gavin Vicary from the Hertford Swift Group who made and installed the boxes for us. We now await the swifts return in May and hope that they will make use of the nest boxes for many years to come. If you spot any swifts flying into the boxes please do let us know. At the end of the season we can remove the back to see how many were used.

Swifts mate for life and return to the same place each year. If you would like to see the boxes for yourself do come along to the church fete on 21st June when you can go up the bell tower.



Breathing Space

What is Sin?

Date: Sunday 4th May

Time: 5.00pm

Place: St Lawrence Church

Come and join us for an interesting discussion with refreshments. All are very welcome to attend.

Funerals taken in April

Graham Page

Wendy Westoby



A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But bees are declining because of habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Tuesday 20th May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators - even small efforts make a difference. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them such as wildflowers, in our Target 25 resources at [arocha.org.uk/ what-we-do/target-25](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25) and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.

For more eco tips visit: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian



QR Codes

If you would like to access the website for either St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension or for St Albans Cathedral, you can do so by scanning the QR codes below.

QR code for St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension



QR code for St Albans Cathedral



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Bedmond Bells WI

We are enjoying the lighter evenings now and it is lovely to see more wildflowers coming out, particularly the bluebells. We are lucky to have the countryside so close, and to be able to enjoy it. Hopefully we will be able to arrange some local walks in the next few months.



Our April meeting was an informal one, with a choice of games and other activities and of course, plenty of chat. Many members said they enjoyed being able to catch up with each other over the evening, so we will include similar evenings in our future programmes. The competition at the meeting was ‘An Heirloom’, and we had some beautiful and interesting personal treasures on show.



We held another successful Community Café at the end of March, but we will pause these over the summer months as there is more going on.

Our next meeting in May is our AGM, when we elect our committee for the coming year and consider this year’s chosen national resolution ‘Bystanders Can be Lifesavers’. It will promote, through awareness and training, the increase of the confidence of the general public in delivering CPR to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.



Visitors are always welcome – we meet on the second Friday evening of each month, except August, at Bedmond Village Hall at 7,30pm. If you would like more information, please contact us:

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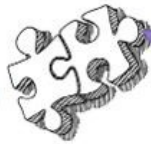
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Friends of St Lawrence

SATURDAY 7th JUNE

PUZZLE AND TOY FAIR



Adult
jigsaws

Toys



Children's
puzzles

10 am - 2.00 pm

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL
ABBOTS LANGLEY**

THE MLAWI PROJECT

Sat 10th May 7:30pm QUIZ AND DANCING

60s & 70s Music Night

Bring Your Own Drinks

Light Buffet. Tickets: £10

St Lawrence Church Hall
Contact: wendymeldrum@gmail.com
or Parish Office: 01923261795

SPRING MUSIC

3rd May - 11am

Parmiter's School - Jazz
Workshop and Friends

10th May - 11am

TBC

17th May - 11am

Southorn & Stratton
Family - 'Anything Goes
Again'

24th May - 11am

Organ Recital
by Peter Wadl

31st May - 11am

Just A Capella



Retiring collection
St Lawrence Church
Refreshments served from 10.30am
www.abbotslangley.org.uk

CONCERTS

Deadline for all content for June Outlook is Friday 23rd May