

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

26h January 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Joan Sutton
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Linda North
- Intercessions:** Roland Maxted
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Anne Goldsmith
- Readings:**
Nehemiah 8: 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10 (P. 449)
1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a (P. 170)
Luke 4: 14 - 21 (P. 58)
- Hymns:**
369: All people that on earth do dwell
474: Immortal, invisible
278: Alleluia, sing to Jesus
279: And now, O Father
590: The kingdom is upon you
- 3.30pm:** The Spark Service
St Lawrence Church

*Helen is taking the 10am service at
All Saints, South Oxhey today*

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:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

ANTHEM:

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you

Timothy & Titus, Companions of Paul

26 January

On the day following the Conversion of St Paul, the Church remembers his two companions, 'partners and fellow-workers in God's service'. Timothy, we are told, had a Jewish mother and a Greek father, whilst Titus was wholly Greek. It was because of Titus that Paul stood out against compulsory circumcision but, to avoid suspicion from other Jews, Timothy was circumcised. They are honoured in the Church for their devotion and faithfulness to the gospel.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all those affected by the Southport killings
- For those coping with storm damage
- For the parish of St. Andrew's, Watford
- For our PCC as it meets

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Alan Alexander; Joyce Sones; Graham Page; Liz Brooker

FOR THE DEPARTED

Alan Hawkes; Emlyn Parry; Lin Lythaby; Stephen Murray; Sandra Smalley; Murray Stuart-Smith

NEXT SUNDAY

2nd February 2025

Candlemas

- 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 Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Malachi 3: 1 - 5 (P. 904)
Hebrews 2: 14 - end (P. 216)
Luke 2: 22 - 40 (P. 56)

AVAILABILITY

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

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 27th January

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 28th January

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

8.00pm PCC Meeting
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 29th January

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir practice
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir practice
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 30th January

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 31st January

Church office is closed

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat
The Church of the Ascension

11.30am Funeral of Alan Hawkes
West Herts Crematorium

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 1st February

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

10.30am Watford District Ringing Meeting
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.paritygiving.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

Friends and Faith is back, meeting every Thursday at 8pm in the Breakspear Room, and is looking at the Lord's Prayer. Everybody is welcome, ask Peter for more details.

Choral Evensong - Sunday 2nd February 5pm in St Lawrence Church, to mark the Feast of Candlemas. Come and discover the riches of the English Church music tradition, in the first of our monthly evensongs for 2025.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from January 18th to 25th. Please pray for all the churches in our parish, that friendship and co-operation may grow.

Friends of St Lawrence: Evening out at La Banq, Monday 10th February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. After the great success of this fundraising event for the Friends last year, we are holding another evening at La Banq in February this year. Do come along and enjoy wonderful food and great hospitality at La Banq. £20pp for a two course meal. Buy your own drinks. For tickets contact Wendy Meldrum wendymeldrum@gmail.com or contact the Church Office on 01923 261795

We are delighted to announce that **The London Central Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army** will be holding a concert in St Lawrence Church on Saturday 22nd February at 7pm. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Retiring collection. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Watford Foodbank. The items that are most needed at the moment are: Cereals, Milk (long life), Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Custard, Jam, Tea/Coffee, Mashed Potato, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Biscuits/Snack Bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeneys. Thank you.**

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