

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

17th August 2025

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Dennis Spooner

11.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Laura Furlong

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at the Church
of the Ascension

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Linda Ball

Readings:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2
(Jeremiah 23:23-29)
Luke 12:49-59

Hymns:

202: Holy Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty
474: Immortal, invisible
191: O thou who camest from above
308: Just as I am
250: All creatures of our God and King

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at St
Lawrence Church

*Peter is taking the 10am service at
St Matthews, Watford*

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, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

...so often when people look out on the world and its disasters they wonder, why God doesn't just march in and take over. Why, they ask, does he permit it? Why doesn't he send a thunderbolt (or perhaps something a little less like what a pagan deity might do, but still) and put things right? The answer is that God *does* send thunderbolts - human ones. He sends in the poor in Spirit, the meek, the mourners, the peacemakers, the hungry for justice people. They are the way God wants to work in his world.' (NT Wright)

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux

20 August

Bernard was born at Fontaines, near Dijon, in France in the year 1090. He entered the Benedictine abbey at Cîteaux in 1112, taking with him many of his young companions, some of whom were his own brothers. He was a leader of the reform within Benedictinism at this time and in 1115 was sent to establish a new monastery at a place he named Clairvaux, or valley of light. Though times were hard, he built up the community with his remarkable qualities of leadership. Bernard preached widely and powerfully and proved himself a theologian of renown. Literally hundreds of houses were founded on the Cîteaux or Cistercian system and Bernard's influence on his own generation and beyond was immense. He died on this day in 1153.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the people of Ukraine
- For Soul Survivor Church, Watford
- For all who have had to leave home
- For those lacking direction in life
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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Jane Anderson; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Harvey Southorn; Rob Sheppard

FOR THE DEPARTED

NEXT SUNDAY

24th August 2025

Bartholomew the Apostle

- 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 BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 43: 8 - 13 (P. 682)
Acts 5: 12 - 16, 15 (P. 119)
Luke 22: 24 - 30 (P. 83)

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 18th August

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 20th August

10.00am V80 Events Planning Meeting
The Church of the Ascension

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

Friday 22nd August

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

BREATHING SPACE:

Here are the dates and topics for
Breathing Space up until February 2026
(held in St Lawrence Church at 5.00pm):

7th September: How do you navigate your moral compass in today's society?

5th October: Is feminism still necessary?

2nd November: Does religion cause wars?

7th December: Should Christmas be banned?

(No Breathing Space in January)

February - How can the Church survive?

Come along to relax, reflect, and enjoy meaningful discussions in a welcoming setting. Refreshments will be served. All are warmly welcome.

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

Open Garden at Pie Corner, Bedmond Sunday 7th September 2pm – 5pm.

Step back in time with a V80-themed afternoon in a beautiful garden setting. Explore: a stunning sunken garden, children's trail, wooded areas and a flourishing vegetable garden. Enjoy tea, coffee, and homemade cakes in a relaxed countryside atmosphere. Entry: £6.00; Children FREE Parking available. Come along and enjoy a nostalgic afternoon for the whole family!

Maintenance work - following the Quinquennial Inspection it was discovered that certain sections of the French drain installed around the church, to reduce damp problems, is compromised with soil and debris. In order for us to continue to maintain the church in a responsible manner we have to carry out necessary maintenance work to rectify the problem. See notice in porch for more information.

Gravetalk – Tuesday 23rd September, 7:30pm. Churches Together in Abbots Langley invite you to an informal, café-style evening at Elvira's

(Henderson Hub), offering a relaxed and welcoming space to explore conversations around death, dying, and funerals. A chance to connect with others open to honest, thoughtful and even light-hearted conversations about death in a supportive space. Refreshments provided. To book your free place, email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

The Watford Band presents 'Music Through The Ages' - Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Adults £10 / Children FREE. Refreshments and a raffle. Tickets on the door or in advance via: www.ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband or contact: 07796 175838.

Friends of St Lawrence and Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society present '*Where it all began*' Celebrate the founding of the Abbots Langley G&S Society with songs from principals past and present. Saturday 27th September at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. FREE admission: donations to FOSL and ALGSS.

The Foodbank are in desperate need of cans of pulses, such as chickpeas and kidney beans. If you are able to donate these items, please leave them at the back of the church. Thank you.

As part of the programme of V80 events, **The Friends of the Tin Church** are hosting a **Talk on the "Bedmond Pioneers"** by John Noonan & reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms. **Friday 26th September at 7.30pm** in the Church of the Ascension. Learn about the Bedmond Pioneers and their efforts to raise funds and morale during WW2. **Tickets: £5 in advance from John Noonan on 07856 732672 or on the door (includes refreshments).** All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church.

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