

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

6th August 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

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

**Reader:** Hilary Samson-Barry

**9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

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

**Reader:** Gillian Furphy

**Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty

**11.30am:** Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

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

**Reader:** Janette Noonan


**Readings:**  
Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14 (P.843)  
(2 Peter 1: 16 - 19) (P. 234)  
Luke 9: 28 - 36 (P. 67)

**Hymns:**  
267: Thou whose almighty word  
2: Christ whose glory  
311: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour (1,3,5)  
248: 'Tis good Lord, to be here  
513: Lord the light of your love

**5.00pm** Breathing Space -  
Is Honesty always the best policy?

## WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive communion in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are very welcome to receive a blessing. Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety. 

**Seekers** - This group for primary school aged children meets during the service every week, except at our all-age service, which is on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone welcome, please ask a welcomer for details.

Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.thesundayservice.org). **Please note that the last broadcast from thesundayservice.org will be on 27th August 2023. We are investigating the possibility of continuing to livestream on a different platform. Please bear with us. Morning Prayer will continue to be livestreamed.** Welcome to all those taking part from home: if you would like an order of service to follow please contact the parish office. 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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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### BIBLE NOTES:

Daniel 7 has a good claim to be one of the most influential passages in the whole Old Testament – influential, that is, on how Jesus thought about God, the world, and himself. The vision tells of four kingdoms, or beasts – inhumane, tyrannical Empires that crush God’s people. Their reign comes to an end with the arrival of ‘one like a son of man’, the truly human king, who receives from God glory and power which will never die. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountaintop can be seen as one of the first revelations of who this new, true King is. With Elijah representing the prophets, and Moses representing the Law, everything in the Old Testament is seen as reaching its climax in Jesus.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Transfiguration of our Lord

6 August

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mount is told in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and Peter refers to it in his Second Epistle. Each time, it is made clear that God's salvation is for all and Christ is that Saviour. The testimony of the law and the prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses and Elijah and the event also pre-figures the resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all those persecuted for their faith
- For those facing martyrdom
- For the parish of Bushey
- For the community of Malosa, Malawi.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;  
James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville; Sandra McIntosh; Martin Greeves; Marie Thomas

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Ralph Dormer; Rosemary Tucker;  
Terry Barry; Robert Lyon

## NEXT SUNDAY

**13th August 2023**

### St Lawrence Day

8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence

11.00am St Lawrence Patronal Festival

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 37: 1 - 4, 12 - 28 (P. 35)

1 Kings 19: 9 - 18 (P. 336)

Romans 10: 5 - 15 (P. 156)

Matthew 14: 22 - 33 (P. 15)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday.  
Helen's day off is Friday.

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Monday 7th August

10.00am Coffee Morning

*Breakspear Room*

1.20pm Funeral of Ralph Dormer

*West Herts Crematorium*

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

*St Lawrence Church*

### Wednesday 9th August

11.00am Mothers' Union

*Breakspear Room`*

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

12.00pm Eucharist

*St Lawrence Church*

12.30pm Messy Church

*St Lawrence Church Hall*

### Friday 11th August

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

*The Church of the Ascension*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

*Breakspear Room*

### Saturday 12th August

11.00am Burial of ashes service for

Robert Connor

*Garden of Remembrance*

12.00pm Christening of Isla McFadyen

*The Church of the Ascension*

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](http://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](mailto:giving@abbotslangley.org.uk). Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**Autumn Fest 16th September** 11.00am - 4pm. We are still looking for some help to represent our two churches at Autumn Fest. If you are able to help please let Carol know.

There will be **NO Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning in August**.

**The last broadcast from the Sunday service** [thesunday.org](http://thesunday.org) will be on 27th August 2023. We will continue to livestream Moring Prayer.

**We are looking for 3 people to add to the team of servers to be acolytes** and carry the candles on a Sunday morning at the 9.30am service. Full training will be given. Anyone from the age of 11 upwards could do this. Please speak to Carol, Peter or Helen.

**Saturday 19th August -Motoring Meander**, leave at 2.00pm from the Church hall. 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea** and antique tea pot and jewellery sale, St Lawrence Church. Both events in aid of the Malawi Project. Contact David or Eileen Adams: [David.adams31@ntlworld.com](mailto:David.adams31@ntlworld.com)

**Thank you to everyone who sponsored me** for the swim. I swam 365 lengths in 7 days ... 52 lengths a day (plus 1)! It was amazing to have so much support from those who counted the lengths, those who swam with me and especially those who sponsored me. **THANK YOU**. I should raise close to £2,000 (incl. gift aid). I will give the final total when all the sponsorship money is in. *Wendy Meldrum*

**Messy Church are in need of egg boxes** - the half dozen type made of card or paper (not plastic). Please leave them at the back of Church or drop them off at the office before 9th August.

**Bishop Alan will be opening his garden** on 6th August from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Adults £4.00, children free. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HD. Dogs allowed on leads. No toilet facilities.

**The Church Office will be closed** Monday 7th - Friday 11th August.

**Abbots Langley Players morning sale** 10.00am - 2.00pm Saturday August 19th. Fliers at back of church.

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