

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

5th November 2023

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



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:** Nigel Higgs
- Intercessions:** Revd. Helen Neville
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**
Revelation 7: 9 - end (P. 247)
Matthew 5: 1 - 12 (P. 4)
(1 John 3: 1 - 3) (P. 237)
- Hymns:**
585: The church's one foundation
217: Glory to thee, O God
557: Praise to the Holiest
422: Father of peace, and God of love
232: For all the saints
- 5.00pm** Breathing Space -
Is fear our friend?

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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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

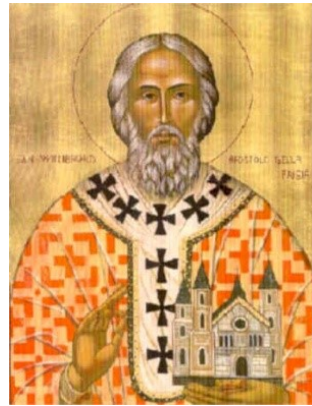
BIBLE NOTES:

The book of Revelation is testimony to a remarkable series of visions experienced in the late first century by a Christian leader closely associated with the Apostle John. Exiled on the island of Patmos during a period of persecution, this leader was granted a glimpse of heaven – a great multitude of all sorts of people singing in exuberant worship, with the days of persecution and danger left far behind. On All Saints Day, the church on earth looks forward to its union with the church in heaven, to lives made perfect and overflowing with joy. That's why we have this reading from Revelation; that from the Sermon on the Mount ('The Beatitudes') in Matthew is to make the point that if you want to share that destiny, there's a way you need to start living now.

Willibrord of York, Apostle of Frisia

7 November

Willibrord was born in Northumbria and educated at Ripon but the main part of his life was dedicated to his missionary work in Frisia and northern Germany. He built many churches, inaugurated bishoprics and consecrated cathedrals: the Cathedral of Utrecht, with a diocesan organisation based on that of Canterbury, is his most well-known foundation. Together with his younger contemporary Boniface, he began a century of English Christian influence on continental Christianity. Alcuin described him as venerable, gracious and full of joy, and his ministry as based on energetic preaching informed by prayer and sacred reading. He was buried at Echternach monastery in Luxembourg, which he founded. He is the patron saint of Holland.



ANTHEM:

The Church Triumphant
Richard Shephard

The Church triumphant in thy love, Their mighty joys we know;
They sing the Lamb in hymns above, and we in hymns below.

Thee in thy glorious realm they praise, And bow before thy throne;
We in the kingdom of thy grace, The Kingdoms are but one.
The Church triumphant in thy love, Their mighty joys we know;
They sing the Lamb in hymns above, and we in hymns above.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Israel and Gaza, and conflict zones around the world
- For all victims of terrorism and war
- For all who are bereaved
- For Messy Church

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Doreen Wilson;
Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly; Jan Sanders; Greta Mowat;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Diana Wernham; Grace Lilian Hickling;
Frances Kirkpatrick; Robin Smith; Doreen Wilson;

NEXT SUNDAY

12th November 2023

The Third Sunday before Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Second Sunday Service at St Lawrence Church
- 10.50am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial, St Lawrence Church
- 11.15am Remembrance Service at St Lawrence Church
- 3.00pm Remembrance Service at the Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom 6: 12 - 16 (P. 595)
1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - end (P. 202)
Matthew 25: 1 - 13 (P. 27)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.
Helen is off on Friday and is at Diocesan training on Saturday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 6th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

7.00pm Christian Aid Curry Night
Abbots Tandoori

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 7th November

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 8th November

11.00am Mothers' Union
Breakspear Room

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

6.30pm Youth Choir
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 9th November

12.30pm Bible Group -
Women in the Old Testament
Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspear Room

Friday 10th November

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

2.00pm Craft and Chat
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.

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. Contact Helen for more info and pre-reading!

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 November.

No refreshments will be served after the 9.30am Second Sunday service on 12th November due to the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50am.

Seniors Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 13th December 2023, 1pm @ St Saviours Parish Centre. Bookings should be sent to St Saviours Parish Office by Wednesday 15th November. There is no set ticket price, but donations are accepted on the day for the food.

The Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas coffee morning, Saturday 25th November St Lawrence church hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Make sure you put the date in your diaries! Come along and enjoy our famous bacon and sausage butties A cup of coffee and a cake! Come and buy those last minute Christmas presents and stocking fillers!

Please note change of date for Sunday lunch, the next one will be on 12th November at 1.00pm in St Lawrence church hall.

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