THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th November 2026
2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Readers: Phill Higgs
Maureen Finerty

Intercessions: Brenda Southorn

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end (P. 889)
1 Thessalonians 5.1–11 (P. 202)
Matthew 25.14–30 (P. 27)

Hymns:
368 All my hope on God is founded
583 Teach me, my God and King
603 Thou hidden source of calm repose (v2)
380 At the name of Jesus

5.00pm Taize Service
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
St Lawrence Church Hall

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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PSALM 90:

Response: May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

1 Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Response:
3 You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.
Response:
5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Response:
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
Response:

POST COMMUNION:
Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

ANTHEM:
Walk Humbly with your God
Joel Raney

What can I bring when I come before the Lord?
What gift, what offering, what perfect song to sing?
When I bow down before my God and King,
what can I offer, what can I bring?

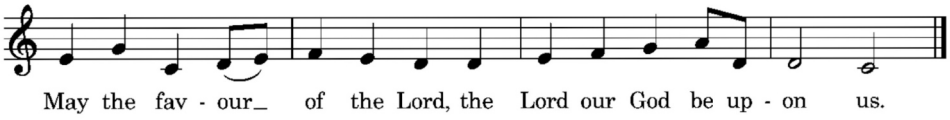
Will the Lord be pleased if I offer all my silver and gold,
if I bring ten thousand rivers, all the wealth that I hold?
If I offer up burnt offerings, all the precious things I own,
if I place all my treasure at the food of God's throne?

The Lord has shown you what is good no gift, no sacrifice as great as God's command
to strive for justice, to act with mercy,
and to offer God the best that you can,
and to walk humbly with your God.

All that the Lord requires of you
is to walk humbly, humbly with your God.

To speak with kindness, to seek the truth,
to live and serve with mercy and compassion,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalm 90 Response



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- The parish of St Mary's, Watford
- The pastoral and bereavement visitors
- Our local hospitals
- Local and national government

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Jenny Perman; Sandra Clarke; Michael Nathan; Doreen Higgs

FOR THE DEPARTED

Daniel Cook; Reg Nice; Jack Prickett; Charlotte Schrader

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Lawrence

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24 (P. 817)
Psalm 95.1–7 9 (P. 561)
Ephesians 1.15–end (P. 189)
Matthew 25.31–end (P. 27)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday this week.
The church office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 16th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 17th November

10.30am Tiny Tots
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 18th November

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

7.45–9.15pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 19th November

12.00pm Bedmond Bells WI Community Cafe
Tin Church

8.00pm Alpha Course
Breakspear Room

Friday 20th November

10.00am Tin Church Craft Group
The Tin Church

11.45am Funeral of Charlotte Schrader
St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 21st November

11.00am CYP Committee Meeting
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 or scan the QR code. 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: pgsecretary@abbotslangley.co.uk

The Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage starts at 12.00pm on Sunday 15th November at Watford and District Synagogue, Nascot Road WD17 4YE and will visit 5 places of worship. All are welcome.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union **Christmas Coffee Morning**. Saturday 28th November, 10am–1pm. Come enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties and a cup of coffee and homemade cake…and buy some Christmas presents. If you are able to make a cake for the event please contact Wendy wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

The Friends Christmas Wreath Festival. Saturday 19th December 10.30am–4pm and Sunday 20th December 12–4pm. We are delighted to be hosting our very popular Wreath Festival again in St Lawrence this year. If you would like to make one yourself or on behalf of your organisation or business, please see leaflets at back of Church or contact Wendy: wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

Please join us at St Lawrence Church for a **Family Christmas Craft Workshop** on Saturday 12th December, 2–4pm. There will be a variety of Christmas craft activities as well as a reading of the Nativity story and some delicious festive refreshments. Email: pennymcloughlin@live.co.uk.

We will mark the beginning of Advent with an **Advent Carol Service** on Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. There will be wonderful music and lots of readings. If you would like to do a reading, please let Peter or Whitney know.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration. Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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Church Office Opening Times: 10.00am–1.00pm Weekdays (Closed Wednesdays)

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