

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS Langley

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

1st February 2026
CANDLEMAS



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Hilary Causer

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President: Preacher: Revd Helen Neville
Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Peter Faulkner

Intercessions: Brenda Southorn

11.30am Eucharist at The Tin Church

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-5 (P. 904)
(Hebrews 2: 14 - end) (P. 216)
Luke 2: 22-40 (9.30am & 11.30am) (P. 56)

Hymns:

369: All people that on earth do dwell
360: Faithful Vigil Ended
278: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
324 Sweet Sacrament Divine
513 Lord the light of your love

5.00pm Evensong at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
Breakspear Room

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



THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PSALM: 36



How pre - cious is your lo - ving mer - cy, O God.

Response: *How precious is your loving mercy, O God.*

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you Lord shall save both man and beast.

Response:

How precious is your loving mercy O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights.

Response:

For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

Response:

ANTHEM:

Nunc Dimittis
T. Tertius Noble

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of Christchurch and St Mark's, Watford
- For the Seekers
- For our local foodbanks
- For those affected by climate change

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Janet Boundy, Ann Staines; Clive Moon

FOR THE DEPARTED

Frank Wadl; Eve Durtnall; Libby Davis;

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 8th February 2026

The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

9.30am Second Sunday Service at St Lawrence Church

11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church

5.00pm Breathing Space at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 1: 1 - 2.3 (P. 1)
Romans 8: 18 - 25 (P. 154)
Matthew 6: 25 - end (P. 6)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.
Helen is on a Residential 6th - 8th February

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 2nd February

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 3rd February

10.30am Tiny Tots
St. Lawrence Church

Wednesday 4th February

10.00am Coffee Morning
Tin Church

12.00pm Eucharist
St. Lawrence Church

2.00pm Compassionate Café
Breakspear Room

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Friday 6th February

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
The Breakspear Room

6.30pm Monthly Quarter Peal Attempt
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 7th 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.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

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE: MEAL AT LA BANQ. MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 7PM FOR 7.30PM. This event is back by popular demand. Price is the same as last year at £20pp. Please book your place. Contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795.

Celebrating Helen's Curacy - Helen's final Sunday in the parish will be **Sunday 22nd February**. There will be a celebration to mark the end of her curacy after the 9.30am service that morning. **Please note that there will be no Bedmond service that week.** If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Helen, donations can be made: by bank transfer (payment reference: HN), or by cash, in an envelope, handed in to the office. Helen's licensing as Vicar of Bricket Wood will take place at **7.30pm on Monday 23rd March**. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

HELP NEEDED IN THE MESSY CHURCH KITCHEN - if you are able to help once a month at Messy Church in the kitchen, please contact Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com

As attendance at our **Sunday Lunch Club** has grown in recent months, we are looking for extra help with setting up and clearing away. No cooking is required, and the commitment would be from 1.30–3.00pm on the third Sunday of each month. If you can help please contact Eileen or David Adams on 01923 265228. Many of those who attend live alone and value not only the meal but also the social aspect. With some extra help, we would be able to continue welcoming everyone without having to limit numbers. Any support would be very much appreciated.

If you would like an entry in the Book of Remembrance for a loved one, please contact the church office to request an application form. Completed applications must be returned to the office by **Wednesday 18th February** to be included before the book is sent to the calligrapher for updating.

Lent Course - The Eucharist: What's it all about? Starting Thursday 19th February at either 1pm - 2.30pm or 8pm - 9.30pm in the Breakspear Room. For more information speak to Peter or email vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk

Baptisms and Confirmations - Would you like to be baptised or confirmed? This is happening in St Albans Cathedral, at the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Saturday 4th April. We're hoping to bring several candidates. Please speak to Peter ASAP if interested!

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