

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

12th October 2025

HARVEST FESTIVAL



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

Readings for 8am:
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (P. 742)
Luke 17.11-19 (P. 77)

Reader: David Staines

11.00am Harvest Festival at St
Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reading for 11am:
Luke 8: 4 - 8 (P. 64)

**THERE WILL BE NO 11.30AM
SERVICE AT BEDMOND TODAY**

5.00pm Choral Evensong at St
Lawrence Church

Readings for Choral Evensong:
Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11 (P. 188)
Philippians 4: 4 - 9 (P. 196)

Hymns for Choral Evensong:
369: All people that on earth do dwell
270: Come, ye thankful people, come

*Helen is taking the 10.00am service at
St Matthew's, Oxhey*

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-



There will be no refreshments served after the 11.00am service today due to the Harvest lunch in the hall.

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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Eternal God you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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. Amen.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

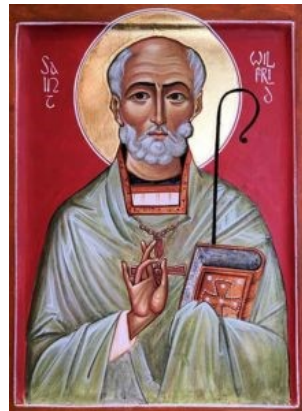
NOTICE:

On Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm in St Albans Abbey several members of our congregation are being baptised or confirmed. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along and support them. Please keep Rachal, Phil, Vicky, Andy and Laurence in your prayers.

Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop of York

12 October

Wilfrid, or Wilfrith, was born of a noble family in Northumbria in about the year 633. He was educated at the monastery of Lindisfarne, but disapproved of what he judged to be their Celtic insularity. He journeyed to Canterbury and then to Rome. He spent three years at Lyons and was there admitted as a monk. He was appointed Abbot of Ripon and took with him the Roman monastic system and Benedictine Rule, which he immediately introduced. At the Synod of Whitby, his dominance was largely responsible for the victory of the Roman party over the Celts and, when he was elected Bishop of York, he went to Compiègne to be consecrated by twelve Frankish bishops rather than risk any doubt of schism by being ordained by Celtic bishops. There were upsets first with Chad and then with Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury, but the Roman authorities took his side and he was eventually restored to his See. After further disputes, he resigned the See of York and became Bishop of Hexham, spending his remaining years in the monastery at Ripon. His gift to the English church was to make it more clearly a part of the Church universal, but his manner and methods were not such as to draw people close to him at a personal level. He died on this day at Ripon in the year 709.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For peace in the Holy Land
- For the parish of St Mary's, Watford
- For those who are close to death
- For the work of the Foodbank

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Rob Sheppard; John Swallow; Pat Tuck; Bernard Eamer; Roland Maxted

FOR THE DEPARTED

David James; Marion Constable

NEXT SUNDAY

19th October 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 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 | Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church |

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31: 27 - 34 (P. 746)
Genesis 32: 22 - 31 (P. 31)
2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4.5 (P. 210)
Luke 18: 1 - 8 (P. 78)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday
Helen is at a conference on Wednesday and is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 13th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 14th October

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 15th October

12.00pm Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

2.00pm - 7.00pm Baby Loss Event with the

Global Wave of Light at 7.00pm

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

In St Lawrence Church Hall today

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 16th October

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 17th October

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 18th October

10am - 3.00pm PCC Away Day

The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

7.00pm Quiz Night

St Lawrence Church Hall

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 and Faith continues to meet on a Thursday at 8.00pm in the Breakspear Room. This is a six week course looking at the Creeds. Open to everyone who wants to make friends and explore the faith, and especially useful for anyone being baptised or confirmed at the end of October. Speak to Peter to find out more...

Baby Loss Awareness Week - drop in throughout the day to light a candle and join us at 7pm for the global wave of light. St Lawrence Church, Wednesday 15th October 2pm - 7pm.

Friends of St Lawrence Quiz Night: 18th October 7pm Church Hall. See Wendy Meldrum for tickets.

Elsa Jean McTaggart in concert with Gary Lister - 'Caledonia', a selection of Scotland's finest folk, traditional music and more. Saturday 25th October 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Profits from the concert will go to the Malawi Project. Tickets £14. www.ticketsource.co.uk/flatpack or call 01923 444619.

Kathy and Immy return to St Lawrence Church on Saturday 8th November at 5pm - back by popular demand, after last year's successful concert. A retiring collection will support the Malawi Project and Friends of St Lawrence. Cake and refreshments available after the concert for donations. All are welcome.

There will be no 11.30am service at Bedmond today due to the Harvest Festival service at St Lawrence Church.

The Diocese is currently advertising for a new PA for the Archdeacon of St Albans (on the retirement of his current PA). The role is based in the Archdeacon's office in St Albans and the closing date for applications is Monday 13 October 2025. Further details on the website on the link below: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-st-albans/>

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