



Outlook

July 2024

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

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Dear Reader

July brings with it some sunshine (hopefully) and lots of events in the parish to look forward too! The Malawi Team will be holding a presentation evening on their trip to Malosa in Malawi, the Friends of St Lawrence will be doing guided tours of St Lawrence Church, John Noonan ‘Sings Sounds of the 70’s’ at the Tin Church, ALF craft fair in the hall, Friday Singers concert in St Lawrence Church and CTAL Songs of Praise in St Lawrence Church, not to mention all of the regular services! (See calendar on page 3 for more details). Until next time...

Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of Outlook

St Lawrence Church Fete



Malawi 2024



July Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist

at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist

at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at the

Church of the Ascension

Wednesday

11.15am Quiet Prayer

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

*Weekly events do not
happen on a bank holiday.*

Monday 10am

Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

Monday 1.45pm

Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

Thursday 8pm

Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 10am

Bedmond Bells Craft and
Chat

*The Church of the
Ascension*

Friday 2pm

Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd 10am

Coffee Morning

Church of the Ascension

Friday 5th 7.30pm

John Noonan Sings Sounds
of the 70's

The Tin Church

Saturday 6th 9.30am

Churchyard Working Party
(CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

Saturday 6th

10.00am - 4.30pm

Guided Tours

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 6th

10.00am - 5.00pm

Craft Fair

St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 7th

12.00am - 4.00pm

Guided Tours

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 7th

10.30am - 4.00pm

Craft Fair

St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 7th 5pm

Breathing Space

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 7th 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group
St Lawrence Church Hall

Wednesday 10th 11am

Mother's Union

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 10th 3.30pm

Messy Church

Methodist Church

OTHER EVENTS CONTINUED

Friday 12th 2.00pm

Friday Singers

St Lawrence Church

Friday 12th 7.00pm

Malawi Presentation

St Lawrence Church Hall

Saturday 13th 3.00pm

Christening Families / Tiny

Tots Picnic

St Lawrence Churchyard

Sunday 14th 11.30am

Bible Brunch

*The Church of the
Ascension*

Sunday 14th 3.00pm

Songs of Praise

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 10.00am—

2.00pm (by appointment)

Little Fawns Preschool

Open Day

St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 21st 1pm

Sunday Lunch

St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 21st 5.00pm

Taizé Service

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 21st 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group

St Lawrence Church Hall

Saturday 27th 10.00am—

2.00pm (drop in)

Little Fawns Preschool

Open Day

St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 28th 3.30pm

The Spark Service

St Lawrence Church



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Messy Church



We had a very busy June Messy church with several new families joining us for the afternoon. It was great to see so many families attending, having fun and enjoying themselves.

This month our story was Jesus healing the paralysed man. Our crafts illustrated the story with the children making a house out of lollipop sticks, a moving picture of the man being lowered through the roof and a gingerbread man on a stretcher made out of biscuits and icing! We also created a prayer wall made up of prayers that the children wrote on paper "bricks". We will be displaying this on the Messy Church noticeboard in St Lawrence Church Hall.

Next Month's Messy Church will be at **St Lawrence's and not the Methodist Church.** This will be our last Messy Church before the holidays and we will be having games in front of the church and a treasure trail in the churchyard followed by crafts and a party tea in St Lawrence's Church Hall. It will be our usual time 3.30 – 5.45pm.

**JULY MESSY CHURCH:
WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY :
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH.**

3.30 – 5.45pm

Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater for our Messy Tea and crafts. Please contact Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com
Messy Church is free but donations are welcome. Please come and join us for an afternoon of fun and worship.



Our Malawi visit: Part 2

In the June edition of Outlook, I outlined some of the work and visits undertaken by our team of eight; Eileen and David Adams, Mags Curtis, Lesley Inwards (St Peter's), Catherine Evans (who used to attend St Lawrence's before she moved) Gordon Cocks (a retired builder), Michel Sram (our French Chef!) and me. This month I will be describing two events that were among the highlights of our visit as well as reporting back on the progress of some of projects we have supported.

YOUTH OPEN DAY AND FOOTBALL BONANZA

As well as the renovation and decoration work that the team carried out at St Luke's Hospital, Malosa, we were also very much involved in visiting community projects that have been set up by the Hospital's Primary Healthcare Co-ordinator, Mrs Nellie Walamwa. In June's Outlook, I explained that the hospital is working alongside Community Based Organisations CBOs (health and community centres) in order to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the hospital's catchment area. The most pressing issues that Nellie and her Primary Healthcare Department are engaged with are food and nutrition, under-fives wellbeing, teenage pregnancies and HIV. In order to highlight these issues and to get the hospital's message across to as many people as possible, Nellie organised two very special occasions. **The Youth Open Day** was an amazing event! It was held in the grounds of one of the local schools. The focus was on teenage pregnancy and HIV. As the children had all been let out of school early to attend, there was a captive audience! There was plenty to entertain the youngsters and their parents with traditional Malawian

dancing and music, some very realistic acting as well as popular music and dancing. Everyone joined in and had great fun. However, there were very serious and powerful messages given out to the audience throughout the day as the hospital staff pressed their points home through music and drama.

Speeches were made by the hospital management team to reinforce the messages and as honoured guests for the afternoon, we too gave a speech, to add weight to the proceedings. In a society where there is little television or social media, such an event is an effective way of putting across essential information on public health and in this instance reached an audience of around 2,000 people. **The Football Bonanza** was likewise an outstanding event. The focus of the day was a netball and football final and as it was a public holiday it was attended by around 5,000 people. In the lead up to our visit, there had been knockout matches played by the youth groups attached to 12 of the Community Based Organisations and we were to be present when the final games were played. During play there was a commentary given through the loudspeakers not only commenting on the match but giving a constant message about teenage pregnancy, HIV and food nutrition. At the end of the afternoon, speeches were given by the hospital's senior management team and we presented footballs to the youth groups and cooking pots and equipment to 13 CBOs. Once again, it was a brilliant way of getting an important message across to an audience through a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

Malosa Secondary School: As well as visiting the hospital in Malosa, we made a trip to the Secondary School. On this visit we were invited to meet with teachers from the school and to have

lunch with them. We were made most welcome by the school and it was good to talk to the teachers and learn about the issues they face and the challenges of teaching with little or no resources or equipment. It was also a good opportunity for us to look round and to see the partially built classroom block that needs finishing with window frames and roofing panels that we have been asked to provide.

Previous Projects: One of the reasons for our trip to Malawi is to check up on the progress of the projects that we have supported and we are pleased to be able to report back on some of these. After 10 years, the **clinic at Nkasala** is still providing effective and quality maternity care and the numbers using the clinic are good and the mortality rate continues to improve. The building is in good repair though we noted that some of the mattresses on the beds needed replacing. We were, however, disappointed to note that **the pump for the borehole at Mposa had broken**. We have asked for a report from the contractor to see what the problem is and once we understand the issues involved we will discuss whether we can help. At St Luke's Hospital, the new **dentist's chair** that we purchased is looking good and we have some super pictures of it with a patient in situ! The **tailoring project** that we helped to set up in 2018 is still going strong. It was initially set up for orphans who would be trained in a skill for life. We bought 2 sewing machines for the 4 students on the course. Today the number of students is 33 and it has been opened up to youngsters who are in need of employment. The course is highly successful though they are still learning on the original 2 machines that we bought for them 6 years ago! Lastly, the chicken project has morphed into goats! The chickens were hard to keep and didn't

flourish so with the money they had left from selling the chickens and eggs, they built up a small number of goats, for milk as well as use for meat.

It was an amazing visit and our friendship with the staff at the hospital and school has been strengthened and renewed. But, perhaps the greatest highlight of all, was seeing the joy on people's faces and the cheers we received when we started every speech with ... "We bring you greetings from our village in the UK"! It brought it home to us, just how much it means to the people of Malosa that people thousands of miles away care about them and their welfare. The comment below is taken from the report that the Hospital's Principal Administrator, Mr Winasai Boma and the Primary Healthcare Co-ordinator, Mrs Nellie Walamwa wrote:-

"It was amazing and wonderful to have you here at Malosa. Your visit was really a blessing and it has changed a lot of things at both our hospital and the community. We strongly believe that your visit has also brought an impact on people's lives as well as the community at large. You may agree with us that the people were so excited after seeing you and learning that you supported all those activities. They are very grateful to you and they are looking forward to seeing you again in your next visit. We are also very thankful because your visit has cemented the existing relationship between the hospital and the community among other things. The financial and material support has also expanded our activities and support to various projects in the communities around St Luke's Hospital. We will be updating you on the ongoing projects as they progress. You are an amazing team, hard working and cheerful givers, may God continue to bless you"

Wendy Meldrum

Thank you from Watford Schools Trust

Dear friends at St Lawrence,
I just wanted to write on behalf of Watford Schools Trust to thank you all as a church for your help and support of us a charity. Some of your members have volunteered for us at some of our events and activities over the years, others have kindly taken time to knit hearts for us to give out to children in school. Add to this the generous donation you made to our charity from the proceeds of your summer fayre and you can see why we wanted to write this response.

Thank you too, for allowing us to attend the fayre and give people a small insight into the work we do in schools. Our aim, as a charity, is to 'Give every school child a clear understanding of the Christian faith.'. We are fortunate to have many opportunities to go into schools, take assemblies, lessons and share bible stories and other matters related to the Christian faith.



As I write this, our workers are taking lessons for those in year 6 around the theme of 'It's your move'. These lessons, based on bible stories, help the children to consider and talk through some of the concerns they have about moving on secondary school.

At the same time our trustees are busy looking to purchase a portacabin to use



as a base for the charity's work. At present our workers are having to work from home as we have no central place for them to meet and work together. All of this stretches our finances, we are, therefore, working on ways of fundraising for this necessary need, along with the need of more finances for the general running costs of the charity. You can see, therefore, why gifts and

donations like yours mean so much to us at this time.

So once again let me thank you all as a church for your generosity, and for those individuals in the congregation who have volunteered and supported us in so many ways. Thank you, your support makes a huge impact.

Maureen Hider. Chair of Trustees.

Funerals taken in June

Susan Andrews
Chloe Small
Anthony Horrox
Joyce Moore



'It's Your Move'

Our two churches purchased an 'It's Your Move' booklet for every child in Year 6 at Abbots Langley School. This helps them to think about the transition to Secondary School. It acknowledges that some are nervous about it and some are excited and some are a bit of both. Three members of our youth choir at St Lawrence were amongst those who received the booklet. In addition to being given the booklet the young people also had a workshop taken by Watford Schools Trust to introduce them to the booklet and encouraging the young people to talk about their expectations. Carol Higgs went along last month on behalf of our parish to hand out the booklets and help with the workshop.



St Lawrence Church Fete

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway or came to the St Lawrence fete on 15th June. We had a wet start for those who helped set it all up and when we opened the fete at 12 noon it was pouring with rain. Then the clouds went away thankfully and the sun came out. Once the sun came out so did all the people and it turned out to be a great event with stalls for our younger people in the hall, games in the marquee in front of the church. The raffles, tombola, MU and cake sales were in the church. The BBQ, plants and coconut shy were in front of the church. The refreshment team pulled out all the stops and offered teas and cakes in the hall and in the church. Many people of all ages took the opportunity to go up the tower and see the bells. Including a few extra sales after church services the day after, we raised £2270, to be split between Abbots Langley Carers and Watford Schools Trust.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Once a year we pray for Mothers Union worldwide. On 22nd June we prayed for Mothers Union in Diocese of St Albans and our link Dioceses of Tabora in Tanzania, Rumonge in Burundi, Kabba and Bukuru in Nigeria and Nagpur in Northern India.

Our July meetings will be:

9th July 11.00am coffee and chat in Breakspear room followed by 12.00pm Corporate Communion in St Lawrence church.

16th July 7.30pm village walk, meet in church car park and finish for a drink at 8.00pm in the Royal Oak (weather permitting).

Branch Leader Jill Matthews
07966887380 or

From the Curate

Six weeks ago, after a day of fevered speculation, a sodden Rishi Sunak announced the date of the next general election. And so, for the last few weeks Rishi, Keir and Ed et al have been vying for our votes. Whether you're excited by the kerfuffle of an election, or ready for it to all be over, it is crucial to remember the importance of our participation. Our votes are our voices, shaping the future of our country and ensuring that our values are represented in the halls of power. For those of us who profess faith in Jesus, it is particularly important to engage thoughtfully and prayerfully in this process, reflecting on how our choices align with our faith and the teachings of Jesus.

Obviously, that is somewhat easier said than done. Unlike some of our counterparts in the USA – also in the grip of election fever - Christians in the UK do not vote as a bloc. The last time there was a general election in the UK, in 2019, approximately 52 percent of the population were counted Christians by the British Social Attitudes Survey, but only four to eight percent attend church regularly. Although surveys indicate that Christians in the UK are more likely to vote than the general population, they do not vote for the same party. Historically Anglicans have tended to skew towards the Conservatives, and Romans Catholics towards Labour, but these allegiances have been in decline over the last few decades.

When considering the relationship of Christians to politics, it is natural to look towards scripture. Is it biblical to vote? What does the bible teach us about politics? Firstly, obviously, the concept of a democracy where citizens cast votes



for their political leader did not exist in biblical times. And when the Israelite's did insist on a human king, the Lord acquiesced but did not arrange elections, instead assigning a priest to anoint a king. There is though within scripture clear instructions about our role and relationship to our leaders and government. We are instructed to seek the welfare of the place in which we reside (Jeremiah 29:4-7), we are instructed to pay our taxes (Mark 12:17), to be salt and light to those around us (Matthew 5:13-16), to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2), and to honour them (1 Peter 2:13 & 17).

Most importantly, Jesus told us to love our neighbour, and if we intend to do that, we must care about the policies and laws which affect them. Voting is a chance to not only hold MPs to account, but to contribute to the common good for our society. With this in mind, what are some of the issues we should be paying attention to when we go to the polls? Here are four of the most important issues for me you might have others, and I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on what they might be.

Welfare

Some of us are fortunate enough to never have been in serious need, but for others not having enough is a daily reality. The reasons people find themselves in poverty or crisis are complicated and various. And what of global poverty?

International aid has barely featured in debates in this election but is an obvious moral issue facing the next government. In Luke 3, John the Baptist says to the crowds, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” It can be tempting in an election to vote for the party which will benefit us most, but following Jesus means looking out for those who have the least.

Stewardship of Creation

In the story of the garden of Eden, we hear that humans are placed in the garden to ‘till it and keep it.’ The Hebrew word ‘till’ is the normal Hebrew word to serve, and the word ‘keep’ mean to guard or watch over. Humankind is entrusted with the care and tending of the earth, and as stewards of God’s creation, we have a responsibility to care for the environment. When choosing our candidates, we should consider whether they will help us to meet this responsibility.

Matters of Conscience

When voting, it is crucial to consider MPs positions of significant ethical issues, such as abortion and assisted dying. These topics have profound moral implications and directly impact society’s perception of the sanctity of life. Of course, even amongst Christians there are a variety of opinions and stances on these issues, but it’s important to know where those vying for our votes stand. Votes in Parliament on ethical issues such as these are traditionally free votes, and so it’s worth finding out candidates’ positions on such topics.

Migration

Jesus tells us that ‘...just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.’ When

thinking of who in our society, is counted the least, those fleeing conflict and other disasters come readily to mind. When we vote it is important to consider candidate’s positions on migration. Migration policies affect countless lives and reflect our nation’s values of compassion, hospitality and justice. As Christians, we are called to welcome the stranger and care for the vulnerable.

This is just a snapshot of the key issues for me, and I encourage you to prayerfully think about your key issues: perhaps economics, defence, housing, prison reform, or any number of issues. Few of these issues have obvious solutions, and even within the faith community we will disagree as to the best course of action. But it’s important to engage in healthy debate on these issues and others, and to disagree well when we do.

As we stand at the crossroads of another election, let us remember that our participation is not only a civic duty but a moral and spiritual responsibility. By voting, we are given a powerful opportunity to influence the future of our nation in a way that reflects the teachings of Jesus. Whether you have already cast your vote or are preparing to do so, consider which issues are most important to you, and how they relate to your own faith. Let us seek God’s guidance in our decision making, aiming to create a society rooted in justice, compassion, and love for our neighbours. In doing so, we honour the teachings of Jesus and contribute to the common good of our community and nation.

Helen

Bedmond Bells WI

It is lovely to be enjoying a spell of warm weather again, though of course it may all change next week!

We were fortunate have a dry day for Abbots Langley Carnival, when a group of our members took part in the procession, dressed as various aliens, as the theme was 'Out of This World'. We were awarded a trophy as well, which was a bonus. We also had a stall on the field for the day, and as the sun shone in the afternoon there were plenty of visitors. We talked to lots of people, met old friends, promoted the WI and maybe recruited some new members.

At our recent meeting, our local police visited us to talk about keeping safe and anything of concern. We started off with two community officers, but they were joined by two regular officers until they were called away to deal with an incident, complete with siren as they went! We were able to discuss issues that concern us, and it was interesting to learn in a bit more detail about the roles of the police.



We have one more outing planned before we take a break for August. This is to a small Open Garden in

Hemel Hempstead in July. It is surprising what there is to do locally if you look for it.



Our Friday morning Craft Group in the Tin Church is taking a break for July and August but will be back again in September. Everyone is welcome, not just WI members, so do come along if you are interested. We shall be promoting it nearer the time. We now have an email address – see the details below – so do contact us if you would like any further information.



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Abbots Langley carers Network



Since July 2013 Abbots Langley Carers Network has met on the last Wednesday of the month from 10.30 to 12 noon in the small hall at the Methodist Church. We provide an informal setting for Carers to meet and chat, exchange issues and problems, have discussions and generally provide informal support for these under valued people who perform such a vital service to their loved ones that is not provided by the state or locally by the NHS. Entirely self-funding (we do not charge for membership) and independent of statutory bodies, ALCN provides outings, shopping trips, visiting speakers, a regular monthly coffee morning and treats at Christmas and on other occasions. Former Carers who still value the fellowship of the group are also made welcome. For a short time each month they can experience something that is just for them without needing to care for a loved one.

Any Grants and Donations we receive go directly to the wellbeing of our Carers after paying for our hall hire. We are therefore extremely grateful for the generosity of St Lawrence Church in giving us money from the Fete which will ensure that we are able to continue our activities for this deserving group of people.

Thank you, *Brenda Southorn, Secretary ALCN*

SPRING CONCERTS 2024

Once again, we have enjoyed another season of Spring Concerts which were successful both artistically and financially. Over £2000 was raised for the Church Funds. Starting us off was Parmiters School with their vibrant Jazz Workshop and talented Senior Brass. Following this was 'Anything Goes', the programme of vocal and instrumental music by the Southorn/Stratton Families. This ranged from beginner clarinet to Grade 8 clarinet, with saxophone and many songs from Musical Theatre and performers aged from 8 to 82. Our Organ Recital took a different form this year. Instead of just one organist we had three teachers and three pupils from Merchant Taylors School playing for us with a delightful variety of organ pieces. Our concert series this year ended with Watford Band giving us The Last Night of the Proms with stirring music and much flag waving. We are truly grateful to all the participants for giving their time to raise money for the church.

My abiding memory of the concerts is the large number of enthusiastic, dedicated and talented young musicians who took part. It made me feel that the future of the arts, despite great cutbacks, is safe in their hands.

Brenda Southorn

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Bell Ringing	Phill Higgs (440676)
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Cricket Club	www.abbotscc.hitssports.com
Evergreen Youth FC	Ian Turner (266640)
Family Planning	Garston Clinic (234525) Mon & Wed 6.00 – 8.00 pm
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Friends of St Lawrence	Bill Sanderson (265963) / Wendy Meldrum (07710688633)
Gardening Society	Jane Lay (447281)
Gilbert & Sullivan Society	Brenda Southorn (677139)
Hillside Residents Association	School Mead (261734)
Home Start (Helping Families Under Stress)	(248010)
Infant Welfare Clinic	St Saviour's Hall - Monday 1.30 to 3.00 pm (264639)
Jo Jingles	Mags Bilson (222529)
Karate Club (Junior)	(Scout HQ, Langley Road) Andrew Lewry (07774 161685)
Library	Open: Mon & Thu 1.00pm-6.00pm; Tue & Fri 9.30am-6.00pm Sat 9.30am - 1.00pm; Wed & Sun closed all day
Local History Society	Delva O'Reagan (267585)
Mothers' Union	Jill Matthews (262046)
Orchestra (ALO)	Penny Abbot (01442 873205)
Parent & Toddler Group	Community Centre; Tue, Wed & Friday 9.15-11.15 am
Parish Council and Halls	Council Office, Langley Road (265139)
Players (ALP)	Jean James (461549)
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Royal British Legion	Secretary: Chris Driscoll (01923 675563)
St Lawrence Church Hall	Church Office (261795)
St Lawrence Church Flower Arrangers	Church Office (261795)
Scouts: Abbots Langley Scout Group	Alison Redmond gsl@abbotslanglescouts.org.uk
Langleybury Scout Group	5thnwscoats@gmail.com
Youth FC	Tim Denyer (270563)

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D-Day

The 6th of June 2024 marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944, Operation Overlord saw over 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 130,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe.

As part of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings the bells at St Lawrence Rang Out for Peace at 6.30pm. Along with many other Churches across the country and indeed across the world that did the same.



Jack Gentle formerly of Broadgreen House

Many long time residents of Bedmond and Abbots Langley may remember the Gentle family who lived at Broadgreen House before Janette and John Noonan. Some will also remember Harry Gentle, Master Carpenter, Jack's Father, who lived at the top of Toms Lane. Others will remember his late wife Audrey as School Librarian at Langleybury. They had both been very involved with Kings Langley Players, and I was their frequent baby-sitter and also helped the 3 children -Sarah, Tom & Matthew with swimming.

Jack died peacefully in late May at the age of 93 in Norfolk, where he had moved after Audrey died. Unbeknown to

us, Audrey had asked Jack to give John and I first refusal to buy Broadgreen House, and we eventually moved in in June 1985, when Holly was just 3 years old!

John and I attended Jack's Celebration of Life Service recently in a Woodland setting at Colney, just outside Norwich, close to where Jack lived with his second wife June. It was a most unique, uplifting and original service with close family sharing wonderful memories of different aspects of Jack's multi-faceted life, as well as Jack's chosen music and poetry. He will be hugely missed by all who knew him. He was special!

May he rest in peace.

Janette

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Help hedgehogs in hot weather. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dog food, can help in sustained warm weather. If you have a garden pond, ensure there's always a way for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian



QR Codes

If you would like to access the website for either St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension or for St Albans Cathedral, you can do so by scanning the QR codes below.

QR code for St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension



QR code for St Albans Cathedral



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The Tin Church Bedmond

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Breathing Space

Sunday 7th July
5.00pm
St Lawrence Church

A chance to explore some of the big issues of life with good company and some lovely refreshments.

All opinions welcome. All are welcome.

Thank you from the Noonan's

The Noonan Clan-Janette, John, Ross and Suzie, as well as proud parents Holly and Paul are thrilled at the safe arrival of baby Max John. He was born on 24th May at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Both Holly and Max are doing well. After an initial worrying start to the pregnancy, Holly and Max received excellent care from Stoke Mandeville and John Radcliffe Hospitals, as well as Holly's truly excellent local Medical Practice at Edlesborough, for which we are all most grateful. Following 8 days in Neonatal ICU, new Mummy and Baby had a spell at Thumbswood Mother & Baby unit at Shenley, before coming home to Broadgreen House for a while before returning to their own home at Slapton. We would also like to thank all those people who prayed for Holly over many months and took an interest in her health and wellbeing. We also thank those who have sent cards, messages and gifts. We are really appreciative of the love and support so many people have shown. Holly and Max look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Janette Noonan ("Janny!")

Friends of St Lawrence

**GUIDED TOURS OF
ST LAWRENCE AND WEDDING
EXHIBITION**

SATURDAY 6TH JULY
10am – 4.30pm

SUNDAY 7TH JULY
12am – 4pm

Do come along and have a guided tour of St Lawrence and find out about the history and architecture of our beautiful and ancient church building ... or simply have a wander around on your own. There will be marriage registers to look at and a display of wedding dresses and photos of past weddings in the church. When you have finished looking round, come and buy a cup of tea and a piece of cake in the Breakspear Room. All welcome!

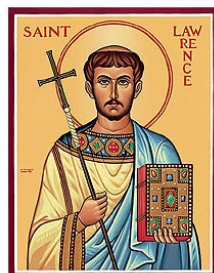
Tours of the church are free but donations welcome. This is a part of the Abbots Langley Festival.

St Lawrence Day

There will be a service at St Lawrence Church on Sunday 11th August at 11.00am to celebrate St Lawrence Day.

For those who wish to stay after the service, there will a BBQ.

All are very welcome.



As part of the
Abbots Langley Festival
John Noonan sings
Songs of the 70's

Friday 5th July
7.30pm

The Tin Church

Tickets £10 & includes
a glass of wine and
nibbles

All proceeds to
The Friends of
the Tin Church

For tickets contact John:
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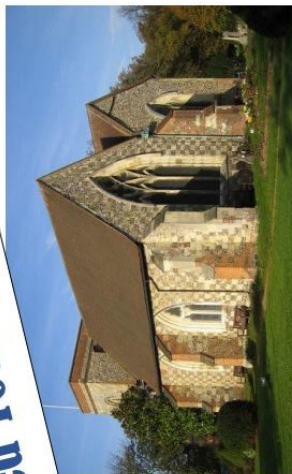
**Song
and
Story**

Songs from the Musical Shows and Ballads,
and the stories behind them

Friday 12th July 2pm
at St Lawrence Church
Free admission with a retiring collection



St Lawrence Church Guided Tours & Exhibition



Come and enjoy the beautiful architecture and amazing history
of our ancient church
which lies at the heart of our village community.

Join a guided tour (approx..20 mins) or just look around!

SATURDAY 6TH JULY: 10AM – 4.30PM

SUNDAY 7TH JULY: 12PM – 4PM

Plus..

An Exhibition of Church Marriage Registers
and a display of weddings held at St Lawrence's



Tea, coffee and homemade cakes

Free entry:

Donations to Friends of St Lawrence welcome

St Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley, WD5 0AS

FRIDAY 12TH JULY: 7PM
ST LAWRENCE
CHURCH HALL



OUR VISIT TO MALAWI



PRESENTATION EVENING

Our Malawi team invites you to a
presentation evening on our trip to
Malawi.

Entrance free: donations welcome

There will be light refreshments

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book please.

Deadline for all content for August Outlook is Monday 22nd July