

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

8th March 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Second Sunday Service at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Frances Foulsham

Readings:

Exodus 17: 1 - 7 (P. 66)
(Romans 5: 1 - 11) (P. 151)
John 4: 5 - 42 (P. 91)

Hymns at Bedmond:

411: Dear Lord and Father
474: Immortal, Invisible
505: Lord Jesus Christ
508: Lord of all power

5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

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:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

'The perilous tendency among us is always to appeal to averages or majorities; to ask ourselves what kind of religion we can induce people in general to accept and welcome; to make religion easy; to abstain from asking too much; to accommodate the requirements of religion to what we suppose people will be ready to accept ... our Lord chose and sanctified exactly the opposite method. He appealed with the whole truth, for the whole heart.' (Gore, in *Radical Anglican*, p.106)

Edward King Bishop of Lincoln

8 March

Born in London in 1829, Edward King, both as a priest and then as a bishop, was revered for the holiness of his life and the wisdom of his counsel. He was chaplain, then principal, of Cuddesdon Theological College, followed by a dozen years as a professor of theology in Oxford, during which time he exercised a great influence on a generation of ordinands. In 1885, he was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Lincoln, a position he held until his death. His advocacy of Catholic principles in ritual as well as theology involved him in controversy, but his significant gift to the Church was his example as a pastoral and caring bishop to both clergy and laity.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For parish of St Michael and All Angels, Watford
- For those working out their vocation
- For Bedmond School
- For all who work in business

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook;
Sandra Clarke; Bernard Eamer; Ann Staines; Clive Moon; William Kimber;
Joan Harding

FOR THE DEPARTED

Gill Scrase

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Second Sunday at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church
- 5.00pm Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm Nameless Youth Group in Breakspeare Room

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13 (P. 267)
Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 (P. 192)
John 9 (P. 99)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 9th March

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 10th March

10.30am Tiny Tots

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting

Breakspeare Room

8.00pm Bereavement Visitors Meeting

St Saviours Church

Wednesday 11th March

11.00am Mothers' Union

Breakspeare Room

12.00pm Eucharist

St. Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church

Methodist Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 12th March

1.00pm Lent Course and 8.00pm Lent Course /

Friends and Faith

St Lawrence Church

Friday 13th March

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

The Breakspeare Room

Saturday 14th March

11.00am Christening of Marlah Mason

St Lawrence Church

4.30pm Mother's Day Bouquet Making

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 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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

Lent Course - The Eucharist: What's it all about? Continues on Thursday at 1.00pm and 8pm in the Breakspear Room.

Palm Cross Making - All are welcome to join Mothers' Union on **25th March in the Breakspear Room** to make Palm Crosses from 10.00am onwards - please bring some scissors - instructions will be available.

The Annunciation – led by Peter, at St Albans Cathedral. Join Peter for an evening exploring what makes the Virgin Mary so remarkable. Wednesday 25th March. Eucharist at 7pm is followed by the lecture.

Tickets will be on sale until midday on the day of the event. Visit: www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/the-annunciation. Phone bookings possible on 01727 890290.

Children's Easter Workshop - St Lawrence Church, Saturday 28th March, 2pm – 4pm. Children and their parents / carers are warmly invited to an afternoon of fun Easter crafts, activities, and refreshments. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

Palm Sunday, 29th March - at 11am there will be a service at Kitters Green, followed by a service in St Lawrence Church at 11.30am. All are warmly welcome.

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April - there will be a service at 8pm in St Lawrence Church. Vigil until midnight. All are warmly welcome.

Good Friday Walk of Witness - meet at St Paul's Church, Langleybury at 10am. All are warmly welcome.

Easter Day Services, Sunday, 5th April - for early risers, there will be a **Sunrise Service at 6:10 am on Bedmond Playing Fields**. The **9:30 am service** will be held at **St Lawrence Church**, followed by an **11:30 am service at The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)**. All are warmly welcome to share in the celebration of this special day!

Church office is closed on Thursday 12th March.

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