

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

2nd March 2025

THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



## TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Hilary Causer
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Laura Furlong
- Intercessions:** Roland Maxted
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Pam Rastall
- Readings:**  
Exodus 34: 29 - end (P. 84)  
(2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4.2) (P. 177)  
Luke 9: 28 - 36 (37 - 43a) (P. 67)
- Hymns:**  
2: Christ, whose glories fill the skies  
474: Immortal, invisible  
500: Lift up your hearts  
324: Sweet sacrament divine  
555: Praise, my soul, the king of heaven
- 5.00pm** Breathing Space  
St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group  
Breakspear Room

*Helen is taking the 10am service at St Paul's, Langleybury, due to their vacancy.*

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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!



**Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.30am service.**



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ANTHEM:

'Mine Eyes for Beauty Pine' by Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddess grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
Tis named when Goddess name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.  
And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.*

## Chad, Bishop of Lichfield

### 2 March

Chad was born in Northumbria, the youngest of four sons, all of whom became both priests and monks. They entered the monastery on the isle of Lindisfarne and were taught by St Aidan. Chad's brother Cedd had founded the abbey at Lastingham and, on his brother's death, Chad was elected abbot. During the confusion in ecclesiastical discipline between the Celtic-oriented, Anglo-Saxon hierarchy and the pressure from Rome for conformity, Chad became Bishop of York for a time. He graciously stepped back with the arrival in Britain of Theodore, who doubted the validity of indigenous consecrations. This was eventually rectified and Chad became Bishop of Mercia, a huge diocese the centre of which he moved from Repton to Lichfield. Chad travelled extensively and became much loved for his wisdom and gentleness in otherwise difficult situations. The plague was prevalent at this time and Chad died on this day in the year 672.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For a generous response to our stewardship campaign
- For the whole Church as Lent begins
- For the leaders of the nations
- For the work of New Hope Watford

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Alan Alexander; Graham Page; Olive Reeder; Amanda Michael; Pope Francis

### FOR THE DEPARTED

## NEXT SUNDAY

**9th March 2025**

### The Sunday Next Before Lent

- 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 Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 26 1 - 11 (P. 188)  
Romans 10: 8b - 13 (P. 156)  
Luke 4: 1 - 13 (P. 58)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and  
Helen is off on Friday.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 3rd March

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Tuesday 4th March

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

4pm - 6pm CTAL Pancake Party  
*Methodist Church*

8.00pm Standing Committee Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

### Wednesday 5th March

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*The Tin Church*

12.00pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

2.00pm Compassionate Café  
*Breakspear Room*

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 6th March

12.30pm Heresy Lent Course  
*Breakspear Room*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 7th March

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat  
*The Church of the Ascension*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*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. 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](http://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](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Thank you to everyone who donates to the Watford Foodbank.** Those items most needed at the moment are:

Cereals, Milk (long life), Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Custard, Jam, Tea/Coffee, Mashed Potato, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Biscuits/Snack Bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeneys. Thank you.**

**Coffee Morning at the Tin Church -** Wednesday 5th March 10am - 12pm. All are very welcome.

**The Stewardship Campaign was launched on Sunday 23rd February:** four weeks when we think about how we give financially to the church and God's work in the wider world. Please find a letter at the back of church—if you can't find yours, ask Peter, Helen or Tom Betteridge! Don't forget to bring your pledge cards back by Sunday 16th March 2025.

**Ash Wednesday is 5th March.** If you would like to do so please return your palm crosses from last year to be used to make the ash for the services on Ash Wednesday. You can leave them at the back of the church or drop them in to the office.

**Malawi Quiz Night: Saturday 22nd March** 7pm for 7.30pm start. Come and join in the fun. Put together your own table of 8 or join a table on night. Price £15, includes a two course supper. BYO drink. For tickets, please contact Wendy Meldrum: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com).

**This Lent, we invite you to join us for a lent group** looking at some of the most notable heresies in the history of the Church. *Heresy 101: A Lent Journey Through Error and Truth*. Starting on Thursday 6th March at 12:30pm in the Breakspear Room, St Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

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