

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

16th November 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President: Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Brenda Southorn

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Linda Ball

Readings:
Malachi 4: 1 - 2a (P. 879)
(2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13) (P. 204)
Luke 21: 5 - 19 (P. 81)

Hymns:
368: All my hope on God is founded
Psalm 98
469: I heard the voice
603 v2: Thou hidden source of calm repose
386: Be thou my Vision

5.00pm Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
Breakspears Room

Helen is away on a training day.

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-



Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of — our God.

PSALM: 98

Response: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.

Response:

Sound praises to the Lord all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

Response;

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.

Response:

Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

Response:

ANTHEM:

Rain down justice

Text by Michael O'Connor

Music by David Ogden

*Rain down justice from above, you heavens,
Clouds burst open, let the holy one appear.
Earth give birth and show the world
a Saviour:
God has spoken the Holy one is near.*

Gathering as travellers and pilgrims,
With our faces turned to the brightness
of the sun.

Listening to the words of the promise:
He will come, he will surely come.

Gathering with prophets and teachers,
With their vision piercing the watches
of the night,
Calling out the words of the promise:
He will come, he will surely come.

Gathering with John the Baptist,
in the wilderness, seeking out the
Lamb of God.
Echoing the words of the promise:
He will come, he will surely come.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For All Saints Leavesden
- For the homeless
- For all victims of abuse
- For the Nameless Youth group

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis; Mike White

FOR THE DEPARTED

Hazel Dimond

NEXT SUNDAY

23rd November 2025

Christ the King

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 (P. 736)
Colossians 1: 11 - 20 (P. 197)
Luke 23: 33 - 43 (P. 85)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.
Helen is on annual leave Wednesday 19th to Tuesday 25th November.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 17th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 18th November

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 19th November

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

6.30pm Junior Choir rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 20th November

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspear Room

Friday 21st November

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 22nd November

7.30pm Stratosfrere Concert
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

After nearly thirty years service as a Lay Reader, Sally Sanderson is stepping down from her role. She will preach for the last time at St. Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension on Sunday 23rd November, on the Feast of Christ the King. Please do come and celebrate all that Sally has given to the parish!

MALAWI CONTAINER: For those wishing to donate items for the container, you will find flyers at the back of Church with details of items needed. Please take one. Items can be left in the box at the back of Church marked for collecting items or in the Church Office or contact Wendy Meldrum if items need collecting.

PACKING for the container will take place on Wednesday 19th November in the Scout Hut, Langley Road between

10am and 4pm. If you would like to help please speak to one of the Malawi Team, we would welcome your help.

Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage is today, Sunday November 16th, starting at 12.00pm at the Friends Meeting House. All are welcome.

Malawi Concert: November 22nd 7.30pm St Lawrence Church with **STRATOSFRERE**. We welcome back this amazing 4 piece local band covering hits from the 60s and 70's Tickets £10. Contact: Wendy Meldrum. There will be light refreshments for a donation.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas Coffee Morning: November 29th 10am - 1pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. It's that time of the year again! Please come along and enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties as well as a cup of coffee and cake! Buy those last minute Christmas presents and cards and have a very enjoyable and sociable morning!

We are looking for some help with the donkey on Christmas Eve at the Candlelight services. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office, but do remember that donkeys can be very strong, so if you are frail this may not be for you. Contact: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk or 01923 261795.

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.***