

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

**7th December 2025**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## 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  
Ven. Charles Hudson

**Reader:** Nigel Higgs

**Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty

**11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

**President: Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville  
Ven. Charles Hudson

**Reader:** Wendy Ball

### Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 (P. 650)

Romans 15: 4 - 13 (8am) (P. 159)

Matthew 3: 1 - 12 (P. 2)

### Hymns:

34: On Jordan's bank

Psalms 72:1-7,18-19

35: People, look East

601: Thou didst leave thy throne

58: Long Ago, prophets knew

**5.00pm** Breathing Space - *Should Christmas be Banned?* At St Lawrence Church

**6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group  
Breakspear Room

## 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! 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:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### PSALM 72:

*Response: May all nations be blest in Him.*

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.  
Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.  
May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

*Response:*

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.  
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

*Response:*

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

*Response:*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things.  
And blessed be his glorious name for ever.  
May all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen, amen. *Response:*

**ANTHEM:** Luke 1: Benedictus  
*Bernadette Farrell*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
Who brings the dawn and darkest night dispels  
Who raises up a mighty Saviour from the earth  
Of David's line, a Son of royal birth

The prophets tell a story just begun  
Of vanquished foe and glorious victory won  
Of promise made to all who keep the law as guide  
God's faithful love and mercy will abide

This is the oath once sworn to Abraham  
All shall be free to dwell upon the land  
Freed now to praise, unharmed by the oppressor's rod  
Holy and righteous in the sight of God

And you, my child, this day you shall be called  
The promised one, the prophet of our God  
For you will go before the Lord to clear the way  
And shepherd all into the light of day

The tender love God promised from our birth  
Is soon to dawn upon this shadowed earth  
To shine on those whose sorrows seem to never cease  
To guide our feet into the path of peace

All glory be to God, Creator blest  
To Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest  
And to the Holy Spirit, gentle Comforter  
All glory be, both now and evermore

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Christchurch and St Mark's
- For the homeless
- For Breakspeare School
- For the YMCA

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Ann Rosemary Johnson; Daphne Graves; Richard Constable

## NEXT SUNDAY

**14th December 2025**

### The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Second Sunday Christingle Service at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- 6.30pm Bedmond Christmas Carol Service at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 35: 1 - 10 (P. 673)  
James 5: 7 - 10 (P. 228)  
Matthew 11: 2 - 11 (P. 10)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.  
Helen is off on Friday

## THE COMING WEEK

### **Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer

*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### **Monday 8th December**

10.00am Coffee Morning

*Breakspeare Room*

10.00am Bedmond Academy Christingle Workshop

*The Tin Church*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

*St Lawrence Church*

### **Tuesday 9th December**

10.30am Tiny Tots

*Breakspeare Room*

### **Wednesday 10th December**

10.00am Bedmond Academy Christingle Workshop

*The Tin Church*

11.00am Mothers' Union

*Breakspeare Room*

12.00pm Eucharist

*Corpus Christi Chapel*

3.30pm Messy Church

*Methodist Church*

6.30pm Castano Court AGM

*Breakspeare Room*

6.30pm Junior Choir rehearsal

*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

*St Lawrence Church*

### **Thursday 11th December**

1.00pm Bedmond Academy Carol Service

*The Tin Church*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

*Breakspeare Room*

### **Friday 12th December**

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

*The Tin Church*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

*Breakspeare Room*

7.30pm Kings Langley Community Choir Concert

*St Lawrence Church*

### **Saturday 13th December**

10.30am CTAL Street Carol Singing

*Meet outside Hospice of St Francis Charity Shop*

12.00pm - 1.30pm Crisis Lunch

*Methodist Church Hall*

2.00pm Children's Christmas Craft Workshop

*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](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)

**Breathing Space - Should Christmas Be Banned? Sunday is TODAY at 5pm in St Lawrence Church.** A chance for open and friendly discussion in a welcoming atmosphere as we explore this thought-provoking question. Festive refreshments will be served. All opinions welcome. Everyone is warmly invited.

The **Kings Langley Community Choir** will perform a concert '*Season to Sparkle*' in St Lawrence Church on **Friday 12th December at 7.30pm**. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to enjoy an evening of wonderful music!

**CTAL Street Carol Singing** Saturday 13th December 10.30am - 12pm. Join the festive spirit with Churches Together in Abbots Langley as the streets are filled with Christmas carols - all in support of Crisis at Christmas. Meet outside the Hospice of St

Francis charity shop and help spread joy for a wonderful cause. Everyone is warmly welcome!

**Crisis Christmas Lunch** at the Methodist Church Hall from 12pm - 1.30pm. All are welcome for a festive lunch in aid of Crisis at Christmas. Enjoy comforting soup and bread, a selection of cheese, mince pies, and fresh fruit. Lunch is free for everyone, and any donations to support Crisis at Christmas are warmly welcomed.

**Children's Christmas Workshop**  
**Saturday 13th December 2pm - 4pm in St Lawrence Church.** Bring your little elves! Children and their parents/carers are invited to enjoy some festive crafts, hear the Christmas story, and treat themselves to some lovely refreshments. Please let the church office know if you'll be joining the fun:  
[adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**There will be a Christingle Service** in St Lawrence Church on Sunday 14th December at 9.30am. Each child will receive their own Christingle to take home! We'd love for you to come along to this special service. All are warmly welcome.

**Nine Lessons and Carols - 21st December**  
If you can help the Social Committee by donating some mince pies for mulled wine and mince pies in the Church hall after the 6.30pm services on 21st December, please sign the list at the back of the church.  
Thank you.

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