

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

30th August 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Readers: Thomas Shephard
Carol Higgs

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Lizzie Hood

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
Jeremiah 15.15–21 (P. 728)
Romans 12.9–end (P. 158)
Matthew 16.21–end (P. 17)

Hymns:
250 All creatures of our God and King
622 Will you come and follow me
278 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
127 When I survey (O waly waly)
538 O Jesus I have promised

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

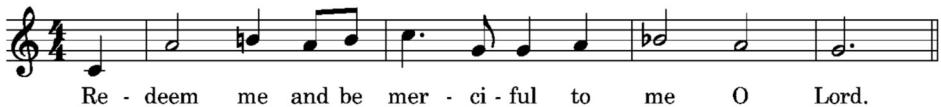
COLLECT:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 26 Response



PSALM 26:

Response: *Redeem me and be merciful to me O Lord.*

1 Give judgement for me O Lord for I have walked with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me O Lord and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.

Response:

3 For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked in your truth.

4 I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with the deceitful.

Response:

5 I hate the gathering of evildoers
and I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence O Lord, that I may go about your altar,

Response:

7 To make heard the voice of
thanksgiving and tell of all your
wonderful deeds.

8 Lord I love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides.

Response:

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

‘The fear of punishment is a self-absorbed kind of fear. It happens to people wrapped up in themselves. Those who believe the gospel—who believe that they are the recipients of undeserved but unshakeable grace—grow in a paradoxically loving yet joyful fear. Because of unutterable love and joy in God, we tremble with the privilege of being in his presence and with an intense longing to honour him when we are there. We are deeply afraid of grieving Him. To put it another way—you would be quite afraid if someone put a priceless, ancient Ming dynasty vase in your hands. You wouldn't be trembling with fear about the vase hurting you, but about your hurting *it*. Of course, we can't really harm God, but a Christian should be intensely concerned not to grieve or dishonour the one who is so glorious and who did so much for us.’ (Keller, *Prayer*, p.99)

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
• The parish of St Michael and All Angels, Watford • Those working out their vocation • Bedmond School • All who work in business FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings FOR THE DEPARTED Terry Fox	Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i> <u>Monday 31st August</u> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Tuesday 1st September</u> 8.00pm Blokes <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Wednesday 2nd September</u>
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday 6th September 2026 14th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church 5.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Coffee Morning <i>The Tin Church</i> 12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 2.00pm Compassionate Café <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 8.00pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Thursday 3rd September</u> 8.00pm Friends and Faith Group <i>Breakspeare Room</i>
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
Ezekiel 33.7–11 (P. 815) Psalm 119.33–40 (P. 577) Romans 13.8–end (P. 158) Matthew 18.15–20 (P. 19)	<u>Friday 4th September</u> 10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat <i>The Tin Church</i> 2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Saturday 5th September</u>
AVAILABILITY	
Peter is off on Monday.	11.00am Autumn Fest <i>School Mead</i>
LYCHGATE APPEAL	
The Lychgate Appeal is well underway, and we have now raised £13,643. We are very close to reaching our target! Thank you to everyone for your generous support.	**There is no Breathing Space on Sunday 5th September. There will be occasional sessions scattered throughout the year, but for now the first Sunday of the month will revert to having a service of evening prayer at 5pm.

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

Church of the Ascension Autumn Fete, Saturday 12th September from 1–4pm. We would be very grateful for any **donations of raffle and tombola prizes please.** Please leave any donations with the Parish Office; bring to the coffee morning between 10am–12 noon on Wednesday 2nd September; or to the Fete before 1pm on the day. Many thanks for your support.

Save the Date: This year's Parish Quiet Day will be on the 26th September between 10am–3.30pm at Christ Church Chorleywood. Peter and Lizzie will be leading a day on how to read the Bible.

The **Food Bank** is well stocked with rice, pasta and cereals but all other products are much needed and very welcome indeed.

A container for **Malawi** leaves at the end of September: please see *Outlook* for items required.

Stratosfrere Concert in aid of the Malawi Project—Saturday 19th September in St. Lawrence at 7pm. A local band who write their own songs and play hits from the 70s. There will be light refreshments: do come along to support!

Alpha Course: A brilliant chance to explore the Christian faith—everyone and every question welcome! Every Thursday 12–1.30pm and 8–9.30pm. From 24th September –26th November at St. Lawrence Church. Contact Peter for more information.



SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration.

We are seeking to raise **£15,000** to preserve this cherished landmark for future generations.

Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

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