

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

27th August 2023

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville
- Reader:** David Staines
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville
- Reader:** Carol Higgs
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville
- Reader:** Pam Rastall
- Readings:**
Exodus 1: 8, 2: 10 (P. 50)
(Isaiah 51: 1 - 6) (P.691)
(Romans 12: 1 - 8) (P. 157)
Matthew 16: 13 - 20 (P. 17)
- Hymns:**
543: O praise ye the Lord
411: Dear Lord and Father of mankind
500: Lift up your hearts
565: Rock of Ages
81: Lord for the years
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive communion in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are very welcome to receive a blessing. Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.



Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and thesundayservice.org. **Please note that the last broadcast from thesundayservice.org will be on 27th August 2023. We are exploring option for continuing to provide a livestreamed 9.30am service after this date: please watch this space.**

Welcome to all those taking part from home: if you would like an order of service to follow please contact the parish office. 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 Church Hall
after the 9.30am
service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 PRAYER:

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE NOTES

In this week's Old Testament reading we have the early stages of the story of Moses. Here, through the actions and cunning of various women, Moses' survival is ensured in the face of an oppressive and ruthless regime. These stories demonstrate that although Moses is the hero of the book of Exodus, without the midwives, Moses' mother, sister, and foster mother, there would have been no Moses. Sometimes it is smaller acts of civil disobedience against injustice that ultimately makes the difference.

Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo

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Monica was born in North Africa of Christian parents in 332 and she was married to a pagan named Patricius, whom she converted to Christianity. They had three children of whom the most famous was her eldest child, the future Augustine. Indeed, Augustine ascribed his conversion to the example and devotion of his mother: "She never let me out of her prayers that you, O God, might say to the widow's son 'Young man, I tell you arise'" -- which is why the gospel of the widow of Nain is traditionally read today as her memorial. Monica's husband died when she was forty. Her desire had been to be buried alongside him, but this was not to be. She died in Italy, at Ostia, in 387 on her way home to North Africa with her two sons.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all those whose time is spent caring for others.
- For our homes, families, friends and all whom we love.
- For those who are close to death.
- For the parish of Christ Church and St Mark's.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Sandra McIntosh; Martin Greeves; Sonia.

FOR THE DEPARTED

Rosemary Tucker; Terry Barry; Robert Lyon; Michael White; Marie Thomas; Anne Flanders; Lydia Cook; Sarah.

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd September 2023

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
5.00pm Breathing Space -
'What is a good life?'

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 3: 1 - 15 (P. 51)
Jeremiah 15: 15 - 21 (P. 728)
Romans 12: 9 - end (P. 158)
Matthew 16: 21 - end (P. 17)

AVAILABILITY

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

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 28th August

Church office is closed

No Coffee Morning

Wednesday 30th August

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 31st August

Church Office is closed

4.00 Funeral of Robert Lyon
West Herts Crematorium

Friday 1st September

Church office is closed

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

12.00pm Funeral of Marie Thomas
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 2nd September

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

11.00am Christening Prep Session
Breakspear room

3.00pm Wedding of Lizzie Ludlow and Simon Marsden
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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

'Bring and Sing': Saturday 30th September 2-5pm at St. Lawrence, followed by an informal concert (free, but ticketed) at 5.30pm. A chance for **everyone** to have some fun and give singing a go: all ages and range of experiences welcome. Contact Marianne Ryall (directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk) for more details.

Please note that there has been a change of date for the next Sunday lunch. It will now be held on **Sunday 24th September** at 12.30pm in the church hall.

The Tin Church (Church of the Ascension) will be holding its **Late Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd September from 1pm – 4pm** and we would be very grateful for donations of the following items: raffle and tombola prizes, interesting items of

food and drink for a hamper. Please bring items to the Tin Church coffee morning between 10m – 12 noon on Wednesday 6th September or leave with the Church Office. Many thanks for your support.

For **Bike n Hike Day on 9th September** Wendy Ball is collecting sponsorship to be in the Church of the Ascension from 9am to 5pm to welcome those participating. Half of the money raised will come to our parish and the other half to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. There are sponsorship forms at the back of both churches. Your support would be much appreciated.

Friends of St Lawrence Open Garden at Pie Corner Sunday 3rd September 2 - 5pm. Come along and enjoy these wonderful gardens, have a cup of tea, cake and creamed scone whilst listening to live music. There will be a children's trail too. Parking available. £5pp. Children free. **We are in need of 6 extra helpers on the day to help with parking and with refreshments. Please could you contact Bill Sanderson or Wendy Meldrum if you are able to help. If you are able to make a cake for the event ... please contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@mail.com. Many thanks.**

Breathing Space - 'What is a good Life?' Sunday 3rd September, 5.00pm in St Lawrence Church. All are very welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The funeral of Anne Flanders will be held at Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7BB at 1030hrs on Tuesday 29th August.

Bedmond Bells WI coffee morning Thursday 21st September, 10.00am - 12.00pm, Church of the Ascension. All are very welcome.

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

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