THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

8th November 2026

3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT /
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



TODAY

8.00am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell
Reader:	Tom Betteridge
9.30am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell
10.50am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in St Lawrence Churchyard
11.15am	Remembrance Service at St Lawrence Church
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell
3.00pm	Remembrance Service at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell
5.00pm	Choral Evensong St Lawrence Church

Readings:
Amos 5.18–24 (P. 868)
1 Thessalonians 4.13–end (P. 202)
Matthew 25.1–13 (P. 27)

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.

There will be no refreshments served in the hall today due to the Remembrance Service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lychgate: thank you for all your generous donations to the lychgate appeal: we've reached our target and the works are due to begin in the very near future. It will take approximately three weeks, and be confined to a small area with minimal disruption to church and churchyard activities. It's slightly more expensive than we thought, so if you'd like please do help us 'top-up' the appeal fund!

Church Hall Boiler: parishioners may be aware that there's been no heating in the hall for the past two weeks as the boiler has broken down irretrievably. A new one is being installed this week. The work will take 3–4 days. It is not expected to cause any disruption to the running of the parish office, but pre-school activities may be affected.

Time and Talents Campaign: thank you to everyone who completed a time and talents form. We've now gone through them all, and you should soon be hearing from the people responsible for the things you've expressed an interest in—if that doesn't happen in the next few weeks, please shout! It's brilliant that so many people want to be involved in the life of our church in so many different ways.



Margery Kempe, Mystic
9 November

Margery Kempe was born in Lynne in Norfolk in the late fourteenth century, a contemporary of Julian of Norwich. She received many visions, several of them of the holy family, one of the most regular being of the crucifixion. She also had conversations with the saints. She was much sought after as a visionary, was endlessly in trouble with the Church, rebuked by the Archbishop and was more than once imprisoned. Following the messages in her visions, she undertook pilgrimages to many holy places, including Walsingham, Canterbury, Compostela, Rome and Jerusalem, often setting out penniless. She was blessed with the gift of tears and seems to have been favoured with singular signs of Christ's love, whereby for long periods she enjoyed consciousness of a close communion with him and developed a strong compassion for the sins of the world. Her autobiography, The Book of Margery Kempe, recounts her remarkable life. She died towards the middle of the fifteenth century.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- The parish of St Luke's, Watford
- Those exploring faith
- Our local hospices
- The courts and criminal justice system

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Jenny Perman; Sandra Clarke; Michael Nathan

FOR THE DEPARTED

Daniel Cook; Reg Nice; Jack Prickett; Charlotte Schrader

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 15th November 2026
2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

12.30pm Sunday Lunch Club at St Lawrence Church Hall

5.00pm Taize Service at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at St Lawrence Church Hall

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end (P. 889)
Psalm 90 (P. 559)
1 Thessalonians 5.1–11 (P. 202)
Matthew 25.14–30 (P. 27)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday this week.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 9th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 10th November

10.30am Tiny Tots
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Discipleship & Evangelism Committee
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 11th November

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

7.45–9.15pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 12th November

2.00pm Pastoral Committee
Breakspear Room

8.00pm Alpha Course
Breakspear Room

Friday 13th November

10.00am Tin Church Craft Group
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 14th November

11.00am Gilbert and Sullivan Society 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 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 email: pgsecretary@abbotslangley.co.uk

The Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage starts at 12.00pm on Sunday 15th November at Watford and District Synagogue, Nascot Road WD17 4YE and will visit 5 places of worship. All are welcome.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union **Christmas Coffee Morning**. Saturday 28th November, 10am–1pm. Come enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties and a cup of coffee and homemade cake…and buy some Christmas presents. If you are able to make a cake for the event please contact Wendy wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Society—75th Anniversary Concert. Saturday 14th November, 11.00am at St Lawrence Church. Free admission; donations welcome. Refreshments from 10.30am.

The Friends Christmas Wreath Festival. Saturday 19th December 10.30am–4pm and Sunday 20th December 12–4pm. We are delighted to be hosting our very popular Wreath Festival again in St Lawrence this year. If you would like to make one yourself or on behalf of your organisation or business, please see leaflets at back of Church or contact Wendy: wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

Our Second Sunday Service in December will be a **Christingle service**. Please take a collection box with you today and bring it back with you on the 13th December. If you would like to help us make the Christingles, come to the **Children's Christmas Workshop** on Saturday 12th December, 2-4pm at St Lawrence Church.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration. Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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