

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

9th July 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Second Sunday service at St Lawrence Church

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11.30am: Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

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Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
Zechariah 9: 9 - 12 (P. 898)
(Romans 7: 15 - 25a) (P. 153)
Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - end (P. 11)

Hymns at the Church of the Ascension:
369: All People that on earth do dwell
242: Immortal, invisible
383: Be still for the presence of the Lord
386: Be Thou my vision

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

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.



Seekers - This group for primary school aged children meets during the service every week, except at our all-age service, which is on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone welcome, please ask a welcomer for details.

Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.thesundayservice.org). 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,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

BIBLE NOTES:

As we have noted repeatedly in recent months, many of Jesus' statements seem the very opposite of what we would call humble. Even things that *seem* humble turn out not to be.... Riding a donkey into town rather than a great white horse is not humble at all, to those who know their Zechariah Chapter 9. It is a startling claim to be the long-awaited King. And yet, Jesus in Matthew 11 says he is 'humble at heart'. If he's not just wrong, how can you be humble and make these spectacular claims at the same time? That's what we look into this morning...

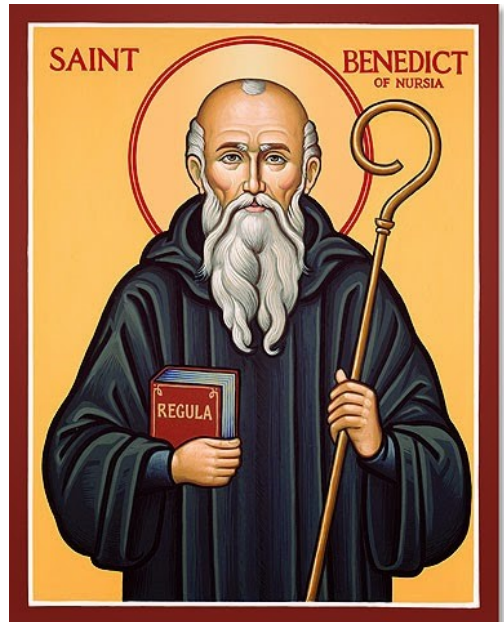
POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in
all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benedict of Nursia, Father of Western Monasticism

11 July

Benedict was born in Nursia, central Italy, around the year 480. As a young man he was sent to study in Rome, but was soon appalled by the corruption in society and withdrew to live as a hermit at Subiaco. He quickly attracted disciples and began to establish small monasteries in the neighbourhood. Around the year 525, a disaffected faction tried to poison him so Benedict moved to Monte Cassino with a band of loyal monks. Later in life Benedict wrote his Rule for Monks, based on his own experience of fallible people striving to live out the gospel. He never intended to found an 'order' but his Rule was so good that it was disseminated and widely followed, becoming the model for all western monasticism. Benedict died at Monte Cassino in about the year 550.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Helen, and for all the new deacons and priests of the diocese
- For the parish of Bushey and for Rev. David Stevenson as he is licensed as Rector there.
- For General Synod as it meets
- For teachers and students as the school year comes to an end.
- For Messy Church as it meets

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville;
Lawrence Willson

FOR THE DEPARTED

Wendy Breese; Bryan Yates;
Mary Smith;

NEXT SUNDAY

16th July 2023

The Sixth 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 BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 55: 10 - 13 (P. 696)
Romans 8: 1 - 11 (P. 153)
Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23 (P. 13)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Monday. Helen's day off is Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 10th July

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 11th July

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 12th July

11.00am Funeral of Bryan Yates

West Herts Crematorium

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church

Methodist Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 13th July

Church office is closed

8.00pm The Pilgrim Course

Breakspear Room

Friday 14th July

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Funeral of Wendy Breese

West Herts Crematorium

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

6.15pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 15th July

1.00pm Christening of Leo Corsan

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.

Malawi Sponsored Swim: Wendy Meldrum is doing a sponsored swim for Malawi. 10th - 16th July. Sponsor forms at the back of Church ... please support by sponsoring this swimming challenge!

We are looking for two people or more who would be prepared to represent our two churches at **Autumn Fest on 16th September**. This usually involves taking a simple quoits game to the event and generally chatting to those who are attending the event. We will provide a gazebo and the game and the prize money. All you need to do is run the game for the duration of the event. 16th September 11am-4pm. Please let Carol know if you can do this on behalf of us all.

Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership are seeking a Treasurer and Volunteer Co-ordinator. If interested, please contact: admin@wtrrp.org.uk

Patronal Festival 13th August - Please make sure that you have made a note that the **Patronal Festival on Sunday 13th August is at 11.00am**. There will be no service at Church of the Ascension on this day and no 9.30am service at St Lawrence. We would love you to stay for a BBQ after the service. Please sign the list at the back of St Lawrence so that we can cater for the right amount of people. We are delighted to announce that our preacher will be Charlotte Bradley (née Ballinger). Charlotte is Associate Priest at Westminster Abbey; former Chaplain to University College London and grew up worshipping at St Lawrence.

We are delighted to announce that the Church of the Ascension has been awarded a **Bronze Eco award**. This is an environmental award scheme from A Rocha, for churches concerned with the environment. St Lawrence is almost there!

Have you had tea with Mrs. Pankhurst? Abbots Langley Players invite you to pick up a flyer from the back of the Church and make your reservation.

Bishop Alan will be opening his garden on 9th July, 16th July, 23rd July, 30th July and 6th August from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Adults £4.00, children free. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HD. Dogs allowed on leads. No toilet facilities.

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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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