

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS Langley

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

11th January 2026
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



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

President: Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd Helen Neville

11.30am Eucharist at The Tin Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Ann Bolitho-Jones

5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9 (P. 680) (8am and 11.30am)
(Acts 10:34-43) (P. 126)
Matthew 3:13-end (P. 3)

Hymns at Bedmond:

555: Praise my Soul

383: Be Still for the Presence

516: Love Divine, all loves excelling

530: Now thank we all our God

5.00pm Evensong at St Lawrence Church

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



THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through 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:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

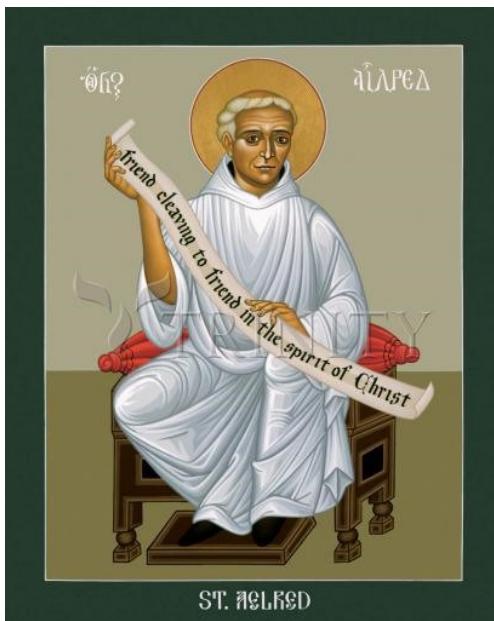
FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The United States is a superpower and will behave like one, said the deputy White House Chief of Staff. We live in a world which is governed by strength, force, and power. Compare and contrast God's Servant, according to Isaiah 42:1-9: a character of awesome gentleness. What Isaiah looked forward to, St. Matthew believed he saw made flesh in Jesus Christ. The Gospel is that, despite appearances, the world is *not* governed by strength, force and power - that the real secret which unlocks everything, which sets people free, which brings justice is in the gentleness of Christ.

Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

12 January

Aelred was born at Hexham in 1109. His father was a priest and he entered the Cistercian Order at Rievaulx in about 1133, after spending some years in the court of King David of Scotland. He became Abbot of Revesby in 1143 and returned to Rievaulx four years later to become abbot and to spend the remainder of his life. He was profoundly influential through his spiritual writings, which he began at the request of Bernard of Clairvaux, the two having a similar approach to the spiritual life. Because of this, Aelred was often called "The Bernard of the North". He died on this day at Rievaulx in 1167.



Friends and Faith will resume at 8pm on Thursday 22nd January

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of All Saints Leavesden
- For all involved in the work of Safeguarding
- For the work of the YMCA
- For the people of Malosa, Malawi

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis; Pat Stuart; Ella, Adam, Beau, Rudy, Nova.

FOR THE DEPARTED

Brenda Redfearn; Sylvia Ross; Frank Wadl

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 18th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
9.30am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
5.00pm	Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
6.30pm	Nameless Youth Group in the Breakspear Room

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 49: 1 - 7 (P. 689)
1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9 (P. 162)
John 1: 29 - 42 (P. 88)

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 12th January

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 13th January

10.30am Tiny Tots
St. Lawrence Church

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 14th January

11.00am Mothers' Union
Breakspear Room

12.00pm Eucharist
St. Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

2.00pm Pastoral Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 15th January

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting
Breakspear Room

Friday 16th January

10.30am Funeral of Brenda Redfearn
St Lawrence Church

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
The Breakspear Room

Saturday 17th January

11.00am CYP Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

1.00pm Christening of Jesse Carpenter
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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

The items most needed by the Foodbank are: Cereals, milk (long life), fruit juice (long life), tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, custard, jam, tea / coffee, mashed potato, pasta, pasta sauces, biscuits / snack bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeney's. Thank you.**

The funeral of Brenda Redfearn is on Friday 16th January at 10.30am in St Lawrence Church. After the church service all are invited to the Royal Oak for the reception, where close family will meet you after they have attended the committal. Donations are welcome to the Peace Hospice, Watford.

Malawi Sing a Long We are delighted to welcome back this very popular event!

Come and join us for a ... **JUNGLE BOOK SING A LONG ON SATURDAY JANUARY 31st ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL, 6pm.** This will be a fun evening singing along to the popular and well known musical. See Wendy Meldrum for details and book your ticket £7.00pp. There will be light refreshments and BYO drink. Contact: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or Church Office on 01923 261795.

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE: MEAL AT LA BANQ. MONDAY 9TH

FEBRUARY 7PM FOR 7.30PM. This event is back by popular demand. Price is the same as last year at £20pp. Please book your place. Contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795.

Messy Church Meets Wednesday 14th January in the Methodist Church, 3.30pm to 5.45pm The story this month is the calling of Matthew and the theme Making Good Choices. Come along and enjoy our fun crafts and Messy Tea Meal. Contact Wendy Meldrum to let us know you are coming: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795

Christingle collection boxes - if you still have any collection boxes for the Children's Society left from the Christingle service in December please could you return them by end of January so we can send off the donation. Thank you

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.**