

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th March 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / MOTHERING SUNDAY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Dennis Spooner
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Jan Palmer
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the Tin Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**
(1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13) (P. 267)
Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 (P. 192)
John 9 (P. 99)
- Hymns:**
267: Thou, whose almighty word
Psalm 23
489: Jesus, Lord we look to thee
375: Amazing Grace
530: Now thank we all our God
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group
Breakspears Room

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:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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:

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 23:



The Lord is my shep - herd, there is no - thing I shall want.

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Response:

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

Response:

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Response:

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Response:

ANTHEM: *We cannot measure how you heal* Scottish traditional melody arranged by M. Archer

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of St. Paul's Langleybury
- For the candidates for baptism and confirmation
- For Tanners Wood School
- For those who work in the media

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Bernard Eamer; Clive Moon; William Kimber; Joan Harding

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 (P.820)
Romans 8: 6 - 11 (P. 153)
John 11: 1 - 45 (P. 101)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.

Large cast, big set, a well-known story.
Abbots Langley Player's next production is "Alice in Wonderland". Please pick up a flier from the back of the church for more info.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 16th March

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 17th March

10.30am Tiny Tots
St Lawrence Church

1.45pm Abbots Langley Primary
Year Two visit
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 18th March

12.00pm Eucharist
St. Lawrence Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 19th March

10.00am Breakspear School Visit
St Lawrence Church

1.00pm Lent Course and 8.00pm Lent Course /
Friends and Faith
St Lawrence Church

Friday 20th March

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
The Breakspear Room

Saturday 21st March

11.00am Children and Young People's (CYP)
Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

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.paritygiving.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

Palm Cross Making - All are welcome to join Mothers' Union on **25th March in the Breakspear Room** to make Palm Crosses from 10.00am onwards - please bring some scissors - instructions will be available.

The Annunciation – led by Peter, at St Albans Cathedral. Join Peter for an evening exploring what makes the Virgin Mary so remarkable. Wednesday 25th March. Eucharist at 7pm is followed by the lecture. **Tickets will be on sale until midday on the day of the event.** Visit: www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/the-annunciation. Phone bookings possible on 01727 890290.

Children's Easter Workshop - St Lawrence Church, Saturday 28th March, 2pm – 4pm. Children and their parents / carers are warmly invited to an afternoon of fun Easter crafts, activities, and refreshments. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

Palm Sunday, 29th March - at 11am there will be a service at Kitters Green, followed by a service in St Lawrence Church at 11.30am. All are warmly welcome.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans: Leave church hall car park at 11am. Breakfast available at 10am, after 9:30am Communion in St Lawrence - please sign the sheet at the back of church by 2 April. We expect to reach St Albans Abbey at 1pm - you are welcome to meet us there. Bring a packed lunch for the Abbey Orchard. We will process into the Abbey at 2:30pm for the 3pm service. The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond will be open 11am–2pm for refreshments for those walking from elsewhere.

Malawi Quiz - Many thanks to all who supported last weekend's most enjoyable Malawi Quiz and supper. Great questions, great food and well supported by many of our regulars and also a significant number of newcomers. Financially, the evening was very successful, adding more than £1,140 to our Malawi funds.

We're delighted to be bringing several candidates to the Cathedral for confirmation this Easter Eve (Saturday April 4th, 8pm). Please keep Teresa Fitzgibbon, Edward Johnston, Craig French, Anthony Batchelor, Terry Chiles, Mike Davis and Sam Waddell in your prayers - and come and support them, as our Easter celebration begins in the best possible way.

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