

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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

The Church Office will be **closed till 15th August**. During this period, emails and phone messages will be monitored, but responses may be delayed.

Please note that there will be **no Wednesday Eucharist** on 5th August.

Volunteers needed: if anyone is willing to provide a lift to church, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please contact Whitney at the church office.

Patronal Festival St Lawrence 11.00am on 9th August. Please note there is no 9.30am service at St Lawrence on that day and no 11.00am at Bedmond. We hope you can stay for the BBQ after the service. It is important to sign the sheet at the back of St Lawrence or message Carol 07791 1901750 by 5th August for catering purposes.

Save the Date: Parish Quiet Day will be on 26th September between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Peter and Lizzie will be leading a day on how to read the bible.

Chris Ballard's funeral is on Thursday 20th August at 10.00am in the Church of the Ascension.

The proceeds from the **Church of the Ascension Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th August** will go towards the **Save the Lychgate Appeal**. Please join us from **10.00am to 12.00noon** for refreshments including filter coffee, homemade cakes and a sales table.

A container to Malawi will leave at the end of September - please see August Outlook for items required.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE



Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration.

We are seeking to raise **£15,000** to preserve this cherished landmark for future generations.

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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Church Office Opening Times:
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Fri (Closed Wednesdays)



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

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

2nd August 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY		WELCOME
8.00am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church	Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers! Do please make yourself known, and stay for refreshments in the church hall afterwards.
President & Preacher:	Revd Lizzie Hood	
Reader:	Hilary Causer	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.
9.30am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church	
President & Preacher:	Revd Lizzie Hood	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.
Readers:	Emma Stratton Bill Sanderson	
Intercessions:	Brenda Southorn	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.
11.30am	Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension	
President & Preacher:	Revd Lizzie Hood	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.
Reader:	Wendy Ball	
Readings:	Isaiah 55.1–5 (P. 696) Psalm 145.8-9, 15–end (P. 592) Romans 9.1–5 (P. 154) Matthew 14.13–21 (P. 15)	Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service
Hymns:	534 O for a thousand tongues to sing Psalm 17* 286 Break the bread of life 305 I come with joy, a child of God 455 Guide me O thou great Redeemer * Bedmond substitute Psalm 17 with 494 King of Glory, King of Peace	
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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 17 Response



In - cline your ear to me O Lord and lis - ten to my words.

PSALM 17:

Response: *Incline your ear to me O Lord and listen to my words.*

1 Hear my just cause O Lord; consider my complaint; listen to my prayer which comes not from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold what is right.

Response

3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; I have heeded the words of your lips.

Response

5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

6 I call upon you O God for you will answer me;

incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

Response

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

16 As for me I shall see your face in righteousness; when I awake and behold your likeness I shall be satisfied.

Response



Oswald of Northumbria 5 August

Born around the year 605, the son of King Ælfrith of Northumbria, Oswald was forced to leave home after his father's death and move to Iona where, influenced by the monks of St Columba, he was baptised. Returning to Northumbria in 634, Oswald defeated the British king, setting up a cross as his standard and gathering his men around it to pray the night before the battle. A man of humility and generosity, Oswald worked closely with his friend St Aidan, travelling with him on his missionary journeys and acting as his interpreter. He died in battle on this day in 642 defending his kingdom from the Mercians.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- The Parish of St John's, Watford
- Messy Church
- The work of Watford New Hope
- The armed forces

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Clive Moon; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings

FOR THE DEPARTED

Chris Ballard; Yvonne Butler

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 9th August 2026 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

11.00am St Lawrence Day Patronal Festival at St Lawrence Church
BBQ to follow

5.00pm Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 43.1–7 (P. 682)
Romans 8.35–end (P. 154)
Matthew 10.16–22 (P. 10)

LYCHGATE APPEAL

The Lychgate Appeal is well underway, and so far we have raised **£11,324**. Thank you to everyone for your support.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 3rd August

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 4th August

8.00pm Blokes
St Lawrence Churchyard

Wednesday 5th August

10.00am to 12.00noon Coffee Morning
Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Compassionate Café
Breakspear Room

Thursday 6th August

Friday 7th August

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 8th August

AVAILABILITY

Peter is away until the 8th August.