

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

30th July 2023

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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: Tom Betteridge

11.30am: Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

Readings:
(Genesis 29: 15 - 28) (P. 26)
1 Kings 3: 5 - 12 (P. 315)
(Romans 8: 26 - end) (P. 154)
Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52) (P. 14)

Hymns:
555: Praise my soul, the king of heaven
474: Immortal, invisible
516: Love divine, all loves excelling
324: Sweet sacrament divine
530: Now thank we all our God

5.00pm Taizé Service

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). **Please note that the last broadcast from thesundayservice.org will be on 27th August 2023. We will however, continue to livestream Morning Prayer.** 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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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:

These short parables reinforce the message of the great parables of the sower and the wheat and the tares. The kingdom of God is among us, but tiny, almost invisible, yet it has the capacity to sustain the life of all creation. God loves all of his creation and it is only at the very end of time that he will decide who will live and who die.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

William Wilberforce, Social Reformer

30 July

William Wilberforce was born in 1759 in Hull. Converted to an Evangelical piety within the Church of England, Wilberforce decided to serve the faith in Parliament instead of being ordained, becoming a Member of Parliament at the age of twenty-one. He was a supporter of missionary initiatives and helped found The Bible Society. Settling in Clapham in London, he became a leader of the reforming group of Evangelicals known as the 'Clapham Sect'. Of all the causes for which he fought, he is remembered best for his crusade against slavery. After years of effort, the trade in slaves was made illegal in the British Empire in 1807 and Wilberforce lived to see the complete abolition of slavery, just before his death on this day in 1833.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For St Andrews, Watford
- For all those affected by extreme heat and fire in Europe
- For those in difficulty feeding children during school holidays
- For families where there is need of forgiveness and reconciliation

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

FOR THE DEPARTED

Heather Butcher;

NEXT SUNDAY

6th August 2023

The Transfiguration of our Lord

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
5.00pm Breathing Space

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14 (P.843)
2 Peter 1: 16 - 19 (P. 234)
Luke 9: 28 - 36 (P. 67)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday. Helen is on annual leave Sunday to Tuesday

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 31st July

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 2nd August

10.00am Coffee Morning
Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

1.30pm Archdeacon Inspection
The Church of the Ascension

Friday 4th August

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat
The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 5th August

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

12.00pm Burial of Ashes service for
Derek Webber
Garden of Remembrance

1.00pm Burial of Ashes service for
Dorothy Osler
St Lawrence Churchyard

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.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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Autumn Fest 16th September 11.00am - 4pm. We are still looking for some help to represent our two churches at Autumn Fest. If you are able to help please let Carol know.

There will be **NO Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning in August.**

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Yamaha Grand Piano - do you know of any music lovers that would like a Yamaha baby grand piano? Someone locally would like to pass it on to someone that plays and would benefit from having it. Please get in touch with the church office if you are interested.

Coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension: Wednesday 2nd August, 10.00am to 12.00pm. All are welcome

Patronal Festival 13th August 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 before **6th August** so that we can cater for the right amount of people. We are delighted that our preacher will be Charlotte Bradley (née Ballinger). Charlotte is Associate Priest at St Albans Abbey; former Chaplain to University College London and grew up worshipping at St Lawrence.

We are looking for 3 people to add to the team of servers to be acolytes and carry the candles on a Sunday morning at the 9.30am service. Full training will be given. Anyone from the age of 11 upwards could do this. Please speak to Carol, Peter or Helen

Saturday 19th August -Motoring Meander, leave at 2.00pm from the Church hall. 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea** and antique tea pot and jewellery sale, St Lawrence Church. Both events in aid of the Malawi Project. Contact David or Eileen Adams: David.adams31@ntlworld.com

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the swim. I swam 365 lengths in 7 days ... 52 lengths a day (plus 1)! It was amazing to have so much support from those who counted the lengths, those who swam with me and especially those who sponsored me. THANK YOU. I should raise close to £2,000 (incl. gift aid). I will give the final total when all the sponsorship money is in.
Wendy Meldrum

Messy Church are in need of egg boxes - the half dozen type made of card or paper (not plastic). Please leave them at the back of Church or drop them off at the office before 9th August.

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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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