

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

5th May 2024

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Dennis Spooner

**9.30am** Eucharist Service at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Alison Faulkner

### Intercessions:

**11.30am** Eucharist at the Church of the  
Ascension

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

**Reader:** John Noonan

### Readings:

(Isaiah 55: 1 - 11) (P. 696)

Acts 10: 44 - end (P. 126)

1 John 5: 1 - 6 (P. 238)

John 15: 9 - 17 (P. 106)

### Hymns:

558: O praise ye the Lord  
PSALM 98

500: Lift up your hearts

601: Thou didst leave thy throne

482: Jerusalem the Golden

**5.00pm:** Breathing Space - Freedom  
Is freedom an illusion?

**6.30pm:** Nameless Youth Group  
St Lawrence Church Hall

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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!



**Refreshments  
will be served in  
the Church Hall  
after the 9.30am  
service.**



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

God our redeemer you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 PRAYER:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### ANTHEM

#### *I give to you a new commandment*

Peter Nardone

*I give to you a new commandment,  
that you love one another,  
as I have loved you.*

*Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.*

*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Amen.*

*[Where charity is true, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.]*

### PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his  
salvation; his deliverance has he openly  
shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and  
faithfulness towards the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the  
earth; break into singing and make  
music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the  
lyre, with the lyre and the voice of  
melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn sound praises before the Lord, the  
King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills  
it, the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together before  
the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the  
world and the peoples with equity.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For our Malawi team on their visit to Malosa, Malawi
- For all those recently elected to local government positions
- For those preparing to be baptised and confirmed
- For St. Mark's Church, Watford.

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; Holly; Bishop Alan; Sean Furlong; The Princess of Wales; Stephen Maxted; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook;

## FOR THE DEPARTED

## NEXT SUNDAY

12th May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Second Sunday Service at  
St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Bible Brunch at the Church of  
the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

(Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28) (P. 818)  
Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - end (P. 114)  
1 John 5: 9 - 13 (P. 239)  
John 17: 6 - 19 (P. 108)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are off on Friday.  
Helen is at Diocesan Training on  
Saturday.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 6th May

*Church Office is closed*

### Wednesday 8th May

11.00am Mothers' Union  
*Breakspear Room*

11.15am Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

*There will be no 12.00pm Eucharist today*

6.30pm Youth Choir  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 9th May

11.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

**8.00pm Ascension Day Patronal Festival**  
*The Church of the Ascension*

### Friday 10th May

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

### Saturday 11th May

11.00am Spring Concert  
Southon / Stratton Family  
*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](http://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](mailto:giving@abbotslangley.org.uk). Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**Friends of St Lawrence Wine Tasting Evening - Saturday 18th May 7.30pm.** An exciting evening of wine tasting in St Lawrence Church Hall. The evening will be led by a wine expert from Dallings of Kings Langley. There will be cheese, pate and nibbles and an opportunity to buy bottles of the wine tasted. £22.50pp. Book your ticket with Penny McLoughlin.

**May concerts** - 11th May Southorn/ Stratton family. 18th May Organ Recital by staff and pupils of Merchant Taylor's School.. Concerts start at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am and a retiring collection in aid of church funds. The final concert in the series is 25th May 7.30pm Watford Band Last Night of the Proms. Tickets £10 [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or from Carol Higgs.

**The Sunday lunch in May has been changed to Sunday 26th May at 1.00pm.**

**We are looking for two new helpers** to work alongside others already on the coffee rota for Sunday coffee. This is for 6 Sundays a year. Please let Amanda or Carol know if you can help.

**Christian aid week, May 12th to 18<sup>th</sup>** -Although we are not doing any house-to-house collection for Christian Aid week in Abbots Langley this year, our friends in Kings Langley are running one in their village. They are short of a few collectors and wondered if we have anybody who could help fill the gaps for them. Our contact is Peter Jowsey, on 07837 400480, if anyone is available to help out.

Ever wondered what Adam and Eve, talking snakes, Noah and his ark, Babel and its tower have to do being a Christian today? **The Friends and Faith group** are turning their attention for the next few months to the book of Genesis. Come and discover what it's all about, with great company and refreshments! Every Thursday evening from 8pm in the Breakspear Room; sessions always done by 9.30pm and all welcome. NOT THIS THURSDAY.

**Pie Corner in Bedmond is open for the National Gardens Scheme** today, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2 – 5 pm raising money for nursing charities. Home made teas and a plant sale by Sunnyside Rural Trust. Full details are on the website, link below and you can book on line or turn up and pay on the day: <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/35018/pie-corner>

**12th May Bell Sunday.** We will be opening the tower on Sunday 12th May 2-4pm. There will be a short demonstration of bellringing. If you are passing or if you are curious about how bellringing works feel free to drop in. <https://bellsunday.org/>

**Date for your diary - Thursday 9th May 8.00pm, Ascension Day service at the Church of the Ascension. All are welcome.**

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