

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

17th March 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / PASSION SUNDAY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Kathryn Sanders
- Intercessions:** Revd. Helen Neville
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the Church of the
Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Anne Goldsmith
- Readings:**
Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34 (P. 746)
(Hebrews 5: 5 - 10) (P. 217)
John 12: 20 - 33 (P. 103)
- Hymns:**
499: Lift high the Cross (odd numbers)
Psalm 11
111: Jesu, thy blood and righteousness (B)
203: I bind unto myself this day
315: Now let us from this table rise
376: And can it be?
- 5.00pm:** Taizé Service
- 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 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!



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



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



Psalm 51:1-13(14)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

3 For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

5 I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

9 Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.

12 Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

13 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked and sinners shall return to you.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of All Saints Leavesden
- For the Nameless Youth Group
- For those in prison
- For the people of Malosa and Malawi

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks;
Jo; Holly; Bishop Alan; The King;
Sean Furlong;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Rob Lambert; Alan Bland;
Michelle Baxter; Steve Laidler;

NEXT SUNDAY

24th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Eucharist St. Lawrence Church
- 11.00am Palm Sunday at Kitters Green
- 11.30am Palm Sunday Eucharist Service
at St Lawrence Church
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Psalms 118: 1 - 2, 19 - end (P. 576)
Mark 11: 1 - 11 (P. 45)
John 12: 12 - 16 (P. 103)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are both off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 18th March

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell ringing practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 19th March

10.30am Abbots Langley Primary Year 2
St Lawrence Church

11.30am Abbots Langley Primary Year 2
St Lawrence Church

12.30pm CTAL Lent Course
Breakspeare Room

PCC Meeting 8.00pm
Breakspeare Room

8.00pm CTAL Lent Course
Zoom

Wednesday 20th March

10.30am Mothers' Union making Palm Crosses
Breakspeare Room

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Malawi Committee Meeting
Abbots Road

Thursday 21st March

Church Office is closed

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 22nd March

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 23rd March

11.00am Children and Young People Committee
Breakspeare Room

2.00pm Children's Easter Workshop
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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

The Sunday Lunch in March will be on 24th March at 1.00pm.

CTAL Lent Course - 'Be Still' looks at how to make the best of some daily time with God Tuesday 20th February - Tuesday 19th March 12.30pm - 2pm in the Breakspear Room. There is also a Lent Course via Zoom, Tuesday 20th February to Tuesday 19th March 8pm - 9pm (Zoom details provided by the Church Office).

Palm Crosses - All are welcome to come and make Palm Crosses on 20th March 10.30am in the Breakspear Room, ready for Palm Sunday. Many hands make light work! Training given on the day, just bring a pair of scissors.

If you would like **breakfast on Easter Monday** (1st April) before walking to St Albans Abbey, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM - This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 8.00pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. At this meeting we elect our churchwardens and new members of the PCC. If you are interested in becoming a Churchwarden, joining the PCC or one of the committees then speak to Peter, Helen or one of the Churchwardens.

Malawi trip in May - Items for Malawi: We are now collecting items for both the container and to take with us when we visit Malawi in May. There are flyers at the back of Church with lists of items needed in the Hospital, nurseries and school in Malosa. In particular, we are collecting PPE for the hospital (disposable gloves, masks and aprons), children's clothes and knitted jumpers for the nurseries, Maths equipment (calculators, protractors, compasses etc) for the school. Please take a look at the full list at the back of Church and let us know if you are able to donate. You can contact the team or take your items to the Church Office during office hours in the morning. Contact: Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com Thank you!

We are looking for two new helpers to work along side others already on the coffee rota for Sunday coffee. This is to help serve coffee on a Sunday 6 times a year. If you could help us please let Amanda or Carol know.

There will be no service at Bedmond on Sunday 24th March due to the Palm Sunday service at 11.30am in St Lawrence Church. 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.