



Outlook

September 2025

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

50p



Dear Reader

Welcome to the September edition of *Outlook*! As summer draws to a close and the school year begins, our routines return - and with them, a renewed energy for the season ahead.

This month brings a full calendar of events and services for all ages, with plenty of opportunities to get involved,

and enjoy the changing season together.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of Outlook

WHO IS A FUNERAL FOR?

Gravetalk

Tuesday 23rd September
7.30pm

Elvira's Henderson Hub, High Street,
Abbots Langley, WD5 0AR.

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September Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at
the Church of the
Ascension

Wednesday

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

*Weekly events do not
happen on a bank
holiday.*

Monday 10am

Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room
(Term time only)

Thursday 8.00pm

Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room
(Starts back 25th
September)

Friday 2pm

Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd 10am

10.00am Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

Wednesday 3rd 2pm

2.00pm Compassionate
Café
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 6th 9.30am

Churchyard Working
Party (CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

Saturday 6th 11am - 4pm

Autumn Fest
School Mead

Saturday 6th 7.30pm

The Watford Band
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 7th 2.00pm

Open Garden
Pie Corner, Bedmond

Sunday 7th 5.00pm

Breathing Space
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 10th 11am

Mother's Union
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 10th 3.30pm

Messy Church
Methodist Church

Sunday 14th 1pm

Sunday Lunch
*St Lawrence Church
Hall*

Sunday 14th 5.00pm

Choral Evensong
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 18th 7.30pm

Cake and Praise
St Luke's Church

Sunday 21st 5pm

Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm

Gravetalk Event
Elvira's, Henderson Hub

Thursday 26th 7.30pm

The Bedmond Pioneers
Talk
*The Church of the
Ascension*

Saturday 27th 6.30pm

Gilbert and Sullivan 75th
Anniversary Concert
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 28th 3.30pm

The Spark Service
St Lawrence Church





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This number also uses Relay UK, type in 18001 then 0800 144 8848

Messy Church

Messy Church didn't meet in August this year, instead all the Messy Church volunteers met to sort out and tidy up the MC cupboard at the Methodist Church! It was in great need of an over haul and it is now looking neat and tidy and much more important, we can find things!!



We start the new term on Wednesday September 10th at Abbots Langley Methodist Church as usual. We are looking forward to seeing all our Messy Church families after the long summer holiday to catch up on news and see how they spent their summer. We have lots of great crafts and fun activities so why not come and join us for Messy Church on:

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
FROM 3.30 – 5.45PM
ABBOTS LANGLEY METHODIST
CHURCH**

Please let us know if you are coming so that we can plan for the crafts and for Messy Tea which is the meal that we provide. Contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the church office on 01923 261795.

Please come and join in the fun ...
everyone is welcome!



Breathing Space - September

How do you navigate your moral compass in today's world?

Sunday 7th September
5pm
St Lawrence Church.

In a world filled with constant change and challenges, how do we find our moral direction? Whether it's decisions at work, in relationships, or as part of society, we are all guided by a sense of right and wrong — but what shapes that compass, and how can we trust it?

Join us at Breathing Space for a welcoming and engaging discussion, with refreshments provided.

Everyone is warmly welcome — we look



GRAVETALK

A cafe space to talk about death, dying, and funerals

On Tuesday, 23rd September at 7:30pm, Churches Together in Abbots Langley are hosting an informal, café-style event at Elvira's in the Henderson Hub. The evening offers a relaxed space for open conversation about death, dying, and funerals.

The evening will feature small tables of 3 to 4 people, each with a set of conversation cards designed to spark discussion. Sample questions are:

'What was your first experience of grief?'; 'Do you have a funeral plan?'; 'How do you feel about being asked to wear bright colours at a funeral?'; 'What does a roadside shrine mean to you?'; or 'What does it mean to have a good death?'

There's no pressure to get through all the questions—each table can go at its own pace, whether that means covering just a few cards or diving deeply into meaningful conversations. Everyone is free to share as much or as little as they feel comfortable with. The aim is to gently encourage people out of their comfort zones and into open, honest dialogue about a topic that is often avoided. It promises to be a thought-provoking event—one that may help you see death in a new light and embrace it as a natural part of life.

Come along for a warm/cold drink, some great cake, biscuits, laughter and the chance to meet others open to talking—and listening—about death and

all things related. Hopefully it will be an inspirational experience for you. To book a free place, email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com



The Bedmond Pioneers

As part of the programme of V80 events, The Friends of the Tin Church are hosting a Talk on the “Bedmond Pioneers” by John Noonan and reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms on Friday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Church of the Ascension (Tin Church).

Learn about the Bedmond Pioneers and their efforts to raise funds and morale during WW2. Tickets: £5 in advance from John Noonan on 07856 732672, or on the door (includes refreshments). All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church.



Mary Sumner founded the 'Union of Mothers' in 1876. She was a Vicar's wife who was passionate about transforming the home lives of families in the parish by helping the women support one another in raising their children, regardless of their social class – quite radical in its day. It was also very unusual for a woman to be a public speaker, but even though she was nervous she was encouraged by her husband to speak at the first meeting of the women in the parish. The meetings grew and included women – old and young, rich and poor. Then groups started in other areas. Her dream was for every home to be filled with the light and love of Jesus, and for the movement to unite many hearts in many lands, nurturing healthy environments for little children.

Too much to write here but from 1900 onwards, Mary started to advocate on issues of key importance to families and children; she was not afraid to speak up on difficult issues, despite resistance from members of the establishment. 4,000 women attended her funeral in 1921; she is remembered on 9th August each year.

She could not have conceived how the seeds which she planted would grow into a movement four million strong today; members in 84 countries putting their faith into action to nurture healthy relationships in families and communities and to fight for social justice.

We talked at our meeting in August about who amongst the women of today

might have this amount of influence over the next 150 years?!

Our meeting in September will be on Wednesday 10th at 11.00am in the Breakspear Room when we will discuss the challenges of leaving prison and the impact of the MU's gifts of kindness on prisoners.

If you'd like to find out more about Mothers' Union, please make contact.

Pam Rastall
(pamrastall@live.co.uk)

Breathing Space Schedule

Here are the dates and topics for Breathing Space up until February 2026 (held in St Lawrence Church at 5.00pm):

7th September: How do you navigate your moral compass in today's society?

5th October: Is feminism still necessary?

2nd November: Does religion cause wars?

7th December: Should Christmas be banned?

(No Breathing Space in January)

February - How can the Church survive?

Come along to relax, reflect, and enjoy meaningful discussions in a welcoming setting. Refreshments will be served.

All are warmly welcome.

Parish People

Jane Lay – Chairman of Abbots Langley Parish Council

Nine years ago, Jane Lay was interviewed by Judy Roe for the Outlook magazine. The article mainly dealt with her early life and bringing up a family, having moved to Abbots Langley in 1971. Some of her jobs, while her children were small, were in shops that no longer exist and the article highlighted her increasing involvement with village life, including having already been Chairman of the Parish Council 3 times.

However, since the earlier article Jane's commitment to the village has increased and continues to do so. She is now Chairman of the Council for the fourth time and this year has been incredibly busy due to the commemoration of VE/VJ80 which the council has organised for the village. The ceremonies and beacon lighting in May, the Picnic in the Park in July (where she hardly sat down all day!) and the VJ commemoration in August have been very successful but also very time consuming for Jane. She is also on the Carnival Committee, so it has been an exceptionally full year.

Jane has been a member of the Abbots Langley Local History Society since its inception and is a committee member, running the fundraising raffle at the monthly meeting. She is working with them on their present project of Butchers, Bakers and Undertakers. She also worked with ALLHS, researching for the WW1 Back to the Front project. She is Secretary of the local branch of



the Royal British Legion and a member of the Veterans Support Group, and every year can be seen in the High Street selling poppies before Armistice Day. She also helps run the Heart for Abbots Langley project where they serve refreshments in the Methodist Church Hall every Thursday to the public.

Jane loves gardening and has a big garden to manage and still has one allotment which she tends. She has been Secretary of the AL Gardening Society since 1983. She still loves working on the allotment, growing fruit, vegetables and dahlias. It is so peaceful there.

Some years ago, Jane became a Carer for her mother Dru, then her husband Leon, and latterly an elderly neighbour. With her experience of the tasks and responsibilities involved in caring for someone she is now a valued committee member of the Abbots Langley Carers Network. She is also a member of the Patient Participation Group for Vine House Surgery and a volunteer at the local St Francis Hospice shop in the village.

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Jane does a little catering with her friend Judy. Every year they provide a delicious spread on a canal boat for the annual Carers outing. Jane's catering skills also extend to the Abbots Langley Cricket Club where she provides the teas. She is an Honorary Life Member of the cricket club.

As a form of relaxation Jane is also a member of the Friday Singers choir and will be taking part in the show in October called Memories of the Home Front, Abbots Langley's War. Then, of course, she will be on duty in November for the Remembrance Day services.

I think it is fitting to end this article with Jane's words from the 2016 article:

"I am not really a political person – I just want to do my best for the people of Abbots Langley."

Thank you Jane for all the time you give to benefit our community.

Brenda Southorn

Christenings taken in August

Theodore Popplewell



Funerals taken in August

Joyce Sones
Heather Reed



Weddings taken in August

Jordan Walters and
Danil Kiose



Marianne Ryall and
Daniel Chapman

Christine Turner and
Christopher Swann

Don Hull

I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers and support.

Your cards and kind condolence messages have been of great comfort to me, and the family following Don's death.

Thanks are also extended to Revd Lizzie Hood, the organist and the choir for a warm and beautiful funeral service.

Win Hull

From the Vicar

In August, Kemi Badenoch, the leader of the Conservative Party, told of her loss of Christian faith back in 2008. Until then a firm believer, she read of the appalling crimes of Josef Fritzl, and of the unanswered prayers of his daughter. “I thought, I was praying for all sorts of stupid things and I was getting my prayers answered. I was praying to have good grades. My hair should grow longer, and I would pray for the bus to come on time so I wouldn’t miss something. It’s like, why were those prayers answered and not this woman’s prayers? And it just, it was like someone blew out a candle.” The candle was her faith.

Why do terrible things happen? It’s probably the single biggest objection to Christian faith. If you haven’t felt its power, you haven’t been paying enough attention. But is there an answer? What should we say to Kemi Badenoch?

Well, the first and perhaps rather surprising thing to say is, I think, *good*. It’s *good* that she lost her faith in God, if ‘God’ meant someone more interested in fixing Kemi’s hair than the suffering of Elisabeth Fritzl. God is not the fairy Godmother. Good riddance to that God.

The second thing to say is that while there are serious answers to Badenoch’s question (and it’s disappointing that she seems to have shown no interest in discovering what they might be), the primary Christian response to suffering isn’t intellectual. It’s practical. We’re to meet people’s suffering with love, with compassion, through providing relief



and securing justice. We could have the best theoretical answers in the world to ‘the problem of suffering’ and if we weren’t actually loving and helping the

people involved, they would all be utterly worthless.

That said, the question does need an intellectual response, as well as a practical one. So, if there’s a God, why do bad things happen?

(Note the assumption, incidentally, that bad things *shouldn’t* happen: the starting point that human life is worth something, that we shouldn’t get tortured or hurt or sick or die. That might seem self-evident – but it’s really not. It is at least as rationally plausible to say with Stephen Hawking that “the human race is just a chemical scum on a moderate size planet, orbiting round a very average star in the outer suburb of one among a billion galaxies.” Or with the philosopher John Gray that “human life has no more meaning than that of slime mould.” Why should human beings, and what happens to them, *matter*? There’s a good case for saying that our sense of outrage at suffering only makes sense if we are more than random collections of atoms, if we are the beloved creatures of God. Our protest depends, oddly, on the very reality it is questioning).

After that slight detour, let’s clear a few wrong answers to Kemi’s question out of the way. Bad things do not happen

because God plans them to bring about some greater good, or because He is setting us a kind of a test. It's true that good things can come out of nearly every situation. It's also true that bad things do reveal our character, and in that sense they 'test' us. But the idea that the good outcome *justifies* the original suffering, or that God is like the calculating lab scientist experimenting on his rats, are not things to be embraced.

Could suffering be a punishment? There might be some limited truth in this ever-present notion. Many 'natural' disasters – e.g. the wildfires raging across much of Southern Europe this summer – turn out on closer inspection to be the direct consequence of man-made climate change and environmental abuse. There is some sort of connection between action and consequence. Yet such punishment seems very poorly directed: the innocent seem to suffer a very great deal, while the wicked get clean away (a fact often noticed by the Bible). The idea also suggests a very angry God, and whilst we might need to rediscover something of value in that notion, it's hard to shake the sense that religions of anger say more about the people holding them than they do about the God of Jesus Christ.

So suffering is not a tactic, not a test, and not a punishment. A better approach is to say that it is – to a certain extent – the necessary condition of having the kind of world we do. I'm free to write this next sentence, or not. To get up and do something else, or work on. And as in my afternoon, so also there is spontaneity and uncertainty and freedom in everything we do, and throughout large swathes of creation.

Indeed, as soon as there's life, there's the potential for chance and going-wrongness. Evolution works through one random, unforced mutation in gene sequence turning out to be better adapted to the environment than another, and so flourishing and reproducing. That fundamental unpredictability runs right throughout the system.

Which is why bad things happen. The world is not a machine. Imperfection and mistakes and disaster are built into its very fabric, and in human beings the power of that unpredictability is turned up full. It means the capacity for terrible evil – as well as for love, for creativity, for all the things that make us glorious. You cannot have the wonder without (at least) the opening to woe, cannot have the genius which creates vaccines without it also envisaging nuclear weapons. God could no more make *this* world without the potential for awfulness than He could make a square circle. As rabbi Eliezer Berkovits put it, 'the question is therefore not, why is there undeserved suffering? But, why is there man? (Whoever) asks the question about injustice in history really asks: why a world? Why creation?'

Nobody is going to 'solve' all the questions of suffering in a thousand words parish magazine article. There's lots more to puzzle over – not least, as Kemi Badenoch observed, prayer. What sense can we make of prayer, of asking God to do things? Why does it so often seem not to 'work'? More of that in a future article...

Peter



On the 8th May the nation marked the 80th Anniversary of VE day and on the 15th August the nation marked the 80th Anniversary of VJ day. On both of these dates at 6.30pm the bell ringers at St Lawrence joined others from across the country in the 'Together We Chime – Let the Nation's Bells Ring Loud' initiative. The bells were rung to mark these two important anniversaries. There was also a wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial and the lighting of the Beacon in the Manor House Grounds.



Fairtrade Fortnight

**Fairtrade Fortnight –
22 September – 05 October 2025.**

Our two churches support Fairtrade. We also encourage others who use the Breakspear Room and the Church Hall to do the same.

FACTS FROM SURVEY FROM KENYAN FARMERS SOURCE:

Fairtrade Foundation / Fairtrade Africa survey of over 250 people in Kenyan tea growing communities:

- Only 1 in 5 of the tea workers and tea farmers surveyed said they earn enough income every month to support their families with the essentials.
- Half of the younger tea workers surveyed said the impacts of climate change on tea production is their biggest challenge, seeing the impact this will have on their ability to make money from working in tea in the future.
- 99% of both tea workers and tea farmers surveyed said that Fairtrade Premium has been spent on projects that address their main challenges, including education and health care, community improvements such as schools and roads and projects to make extra money, such as beekeeping and growing other crops.



The Friends of St Lawrence

We have two events in September:

OPEN GARDEN AT PIE CORNER: SUNDAY 7th SEPT 2PM – 5PM.

Come and look round these beautiful gardens, have a cup of tea and cake whilst listening to live music. There will be a children's trail and there is parking available. Price is £6pp and children go free. This is a V80 themed event.

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN! A CONCERT OF G&S SONGS CELEBRATING ALG&S 75th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY 27TH SEPT 6.30PM

Abbots Langley G&S are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the society with songs from principal singers past and present at St Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley. ... where it all began! Admission free... donations to Abbots Langley G&S society and Friends of St Lawrence.

We have lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months so make sure you have all **the dates for your diaries:**

FRIENDS QUIZ NIGHT: SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER CHURCH HALL AT 7PM:

Put those little grey cells to work and enjoy one of our ever popular Friends Quiz. After last year's success, Sara Bedford has agreed to be Quizmaster again so it will be a fun evening. There will be a two course meal and BYO drinks. There will be tables of 8, so come along and join with others or make up a table with friends. Contact: Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the church office on 01923 261796. Price: £17.50. There will be further

information in October's Outlook.

IMMY AND KATHY IN CONCERT: SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER: 5PM STLAWRENCE CHURCH ABBOTS LANGLEY

Immy and Kathy are back by popular demand after their amazing concert last year. They will be singing soprano songs, classical, musical and modern. Admission free but there will be a retiring collection for the Friends of St Lawrence and the Malawi Project. There will be cakes and refreshments available after the performance for donations. There will be further information in October's Outlook.

FRIENDS AND MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: SAT 29TH NOVEMBER, CHURCH HALL

Although it is still a long way off, don't forget to put the Friends Christmas Coffee morning on Saturday 29th November in your diaries. It is always a lovely occasion where you can enjoy a morning brunch with bacon/sausage sarnies, have a cup of coffee and a cake, and buy that last minute Christmas present.

Friends and Faith Group

Friends and Faith returns on Thursday 25th September at 8pm in the Breakspear Room. This group is a brilliant way to make friendships at church, and to grow in faith. There's always good conversation, and whoever you are you'll find a warm welcome. We're starting this Autumn with a six week look at the basics of Christian belief, as summed up in the Creeds....

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Parish Council and Halls	Council Office, Langley Road (265139)
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St Lawrence Church Hall	Church Office (261795)
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SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL

7PM

Tables of 8 .. you can join a table on the night or
make up your own team. Price £17.50pp.

There will be a two course supper included and
BYO drinks.

Please contact wendymeldrum@gmail.com

to book a place or
Church Office
on 01923 261795.

A colorful illustration of various musical instruments including a guitar, keyboard, drums, trumpet, and microphone, along with musical notes and a treble clef.

The Watford Band

Presents

Music Through The Ages

Saturday 6th September 2025 @ 7.30 pm
St Lawrence Church
High St, Abbots Langley, WD50AS

The concert begins at 7.30 pm
Adults £10 / Children Free

Refreshments and raffle prizes

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A circular logo for the Watford Band, featuring a shield with a cross and the text 'WATFORD BAND' and 'FOUNDED 1848'.

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The Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October) is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision through the land and food that is grown. It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it, and to pray for our world.

Explore A Rocha UK's season of creation resources at: arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation.

For more eco tips visit:
arocha.org.uk/wild-christian



QR Codes

If you would like to access the website for either St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension or for St Albans Cathedral, you can do so by scanning the QR codes below.

QR code for St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension



QR code for St Albans Cathedral



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Malawi Update

CONTAINER: We have some positive news about the container lorry which will be taking much needed items to Malawi. The Birmingham Diocese is not organising a container lorry this year (see August's Outlook) but they have secured the services of another carrier for 2025. This means we will be collecting items for Malawi in November. At the moment we don't have an exact date but we are hoping to have it soon and this will be published in October's Outlook. So if you are collecting items for Malawi or knitting or making clothes etc look out for more details in next month's Outlook. Thank you for your patience!

FUTURE EVENTS: In the next few months we have **three super concerts** taking place in aid of the Malawi Project. Please put the dates in your diaries and support these wonderful musicians.

**ELSA JEAN MCTAGGART:
SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
7.30PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH**

Singer, song writer and musician from Lewis in the Outer Hebrides
Elsa will be performing in St Lawrence Church on 25th October in aid of the Malawi Project Fund after her hugely successful concert last year. This will be her 5th visit to Abbots Langley village. There will be light refreshments available on the night. **Further details and flyer in October's Outlook.**

**KATHERINE AND IMOGEN IN
CONCERT:
SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
5PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH**

We are delighted that our very own Katherine Bunting and Imogen Bailey will be returning to **St Lawrence Church on Saturday 30th November** through popular demand after their fantastic concert last year. There will be a retiring collection during the evening in aid of the Malawi Project and Friends of St Lawrence. Refreshments will be available after the concert for donations. **Further details and flyer in October's Outlook.**

**STRATOSFERE CONCERT :
SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
7PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH**

We welcome back this amazing cover band for another excellent evening of music. They also write their own songs and play a wide variety of music from the 60's/70's to present day. There will be light refreshments. Come along and support! **Further details and flyer in October's Outlook.**





The Friends of St Lawrence

OPEN GARDEN

Pie Corner
Millhouse Lane
Bedmond WD5 0SG

sunken garden, children's trail
wooded areas, vegetable garden
plenty to walk around, see and smell

Sunday 7th September 2025

2.00-5.00pm

entry £6.00; children free

tea/coffee and
homemade cakes

parking available



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GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY
Present.....

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

75TH ANNIVERSARY

SAT SEPTEMBER 27: 6.30pm
CONCERT OF G&S SONGS

Celebrate the founding of the Abbots
Langley G&S Society with songs from
principals past and present.
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH A/L
Free admission: donations to
FOSL and ALGSS

St Luke's Church

Watford

Thursday 18th September
7.30pm

Cake and Praise



A warm invitation to all churches in the deanery to come together for worship and friendship

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Friends of the Tin Church



“The Bedmond Pioneers”

A Talk by John Noonan & reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms



Learn about the Bedmond Pioneers and their efforts to raise funds and morale during WW2.

Friday 26th September at 7.30pm

Tickets: £5 in advance from John Noonan on 07856 732672 or on the door (includes refreshments)

All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church

The Tin Church

(The Church of the Ascension, Church Hill, Bedmond, WD5 0RN)
Car parking behind the Church

www. <http://www.abbotslangley.org.uk> / Facebook: TheTinChurchBedmond

Deadline for all content for October Outlook is Tuesday 23rd September