

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

21st July 2024

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President: Revd. Helen Neville
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Norman Meldrum

Intercessions: Sally Sanderson

11.30am Eucharist at
The Church of the Ascension

President: Revd. Helen Neville
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Linda Ball

Readings:
(2 Samuel 7: 1 - 14a) (P. 290)
Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 (P. 736)
(Ephesians 2: 11 - end) (P. 190)
Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - end (P. 39)

Hymns:
368: All my hope of God is founded
213: Christ is the world's light
516: Love divine, all loves excelling
324 Sweet sacrament divine
530: Now thank we all our God

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

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 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.

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.

PSALM 89: 20 - 29

20 'I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21 'My hand shall hold him fast
and my arm shall strengthen him.
22 'No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked person afflict him.
23 'I will strike down his foes before
his face
and beat down those that hate him.
24 'My truth also and my steadfast
love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his head be exalted.
25 'I will set his dominion upon the
sea
and his right hand upon the rivers.
26 'He shall call to me, "You are my
Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"
27 'And I will make him my
firstborn,
the most high above the kings of the earth.
28 'The love I have pledged to him
will I keep for ever,
and my covenant will stand fast with him.
29 'His seed also will I make to endure
for ever
and his throne as the days of heaven.

ANTHEM:

We cannot measure how You heal

Trad. Arr. Malcom Archer

1. We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,

the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For children, as the school holidays begin
- For the parish of All Saints, Leavesden
- For the United States of America
- For all living in poverty in our area

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo;
The Princess of Wales; Liz Brooker;
Christopher Seabrook; Marie Hutchins; Jenny Mitchell; Bernie Eamer

FOR THE DEPARTED

Brian Higgs; Brian Causer; Bob Andrews

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 28th 2024

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

3.30pm The Spark at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 11: 1 - 15 (P. 293)

2 Kings 4: 42 - end (P. 346)

Ephesians 3: 14 - end (P. 190)

John 6: 1 - 21 (P. 94)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave Monday 22nd -
Wednesday 31st July

Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 22nd July

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 23rd July

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 24th July

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Friday 26th July

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 27th July

10am - 12pm Little Fawns Pre School

Open Day

St Lawrence Church Hall

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.

Brian Higgs' funeral will be held in St Lawrence Church on 6th August at 2pm. The family would like to invite you to join them at St Lawrence and at the Royal Oak after the service. To help them cater for the right numbers it would be helpful if you let Carol 07791 190 1750 know if you are able to be with them.

Open Garden The Bishop of St Albans' Hidden Garden - A two acre oasis in the heart of the City of St Albans Sundays between 9 June and 11 August 2pm – 4pm. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. Entrance £5 per person (children free). Dogs on leads – no toilet

facilities. In aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

DENS Castle Walk 2024 - Saturday 14th September. Charity 10 mile walk and 2 mile family and dog-friendly walk starting from Berkhamsted Castle. Fun activities, castle tours, raffle, refreshments. Sign up by visiting www.dens.org.uk/walk or call the fundraising team on 01442 800268.

Diane and Peter Howarth, who were St Lawrence parishioners for 34 years, leaving in 2018, will be singing with the Wallingford Parish Choir at St Albans Cathedral (Abbey) on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2024. Our services will be Choral Evensong on Saturday 24th, Eucharist and Choral Evensong on Sunday 25th. We will be pleased to see old friends after the services on Sunday 25th. On Saturday we are invited to an after service Reception so it would be difficult to have time to 'catch up'.

St Lawrence Day Patronal Festival 11th August. All are welcome to attend a special service at 11am with guest speaker Revd. Catherine Williams, followed by a BBQ. If you would like to attend the BBQ please add your name to the list at the back of the church **before 7th August.** There will be no 11.30am service at the Church of the Ascension on this day.

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