

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

21st April 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

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

**Reader:** David Staines

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

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

**Reader:** Roland Maxted

**Intercessions:** Wendy Meldrum

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

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

**Reader:** Pam Rastall

### Readings:

Acts 4: 5 - 12 (P. 117)

John 10: 11 - 18 (P. 100)

### Hymns:

558: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

589: The King of love my shepherd is

427: For the healing of the nations

324: Sweet Sacrament Divine

362: Tell out my soul

**5.00pm** Taizé Service

## 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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### COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ANTHEM:

My Shepherd is Lord

*H. Oxley.*

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need,  
giving me rest in green and pleasant  
fields, reviving my soul by finding fresh  
water, guiding my ways with a shepherd's  
care.

Though I should walk in death's dark  
valley, I will fear no evil with you by my  
side, your shepherd's staff to comfort me.  
You spread my table in sight of my foes,  
anoint my head, my cup runs over,  
you tend me with love always loyal, I  
dwell with the Lord as long as I live.

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**Remember it's the Annual  
Vestry Meeting and APCM this  
Tuesday, 8.00pm in the church  
hall.**

## George, Patron Saint of England

### 23 April

St George was probably a soldier living in Palestine at the beginning of the fourth century. He was martyred at Lydda in about the year 304, the beginning of the Diocletian persecution, and became known throughout the East as 'The Great Martyr'. There were churches in England dedicated to St George before the Norman conquest. The story of his slaying the dragon is probably due to his being mistaken in iconography for St Michael, himself usually depicted wearing armour; or it may again be a mistaken identity representing Perseus's slaying of the sea monster, a myth also associated with the area of Lydda. George replaced Edward the Confessor as Patron Saint of England following the Crusades, when returning soldiers brought back with them a renewed cult of St George. Edward III made St George patron of the Order of the Garter, which seems finally to have confirmed his position.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Iran, Israel and the Middle East.
- For parish of St John's, Watford.
- For the Malawi Team and for Malosa.
- For those preparing to be confirmed.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Ray Wicks; James Mote; Bryan Thatcher;  
Peter Campbell; Susan Wright;  
Arthur McGill;

## NEXT SUNDAY

**28th April 2024**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 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 Service

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 8: 26 - end (P. 123)  
1 John 4: 7 - end (P. 238)  
John 15: 1 - 8 (P. 106)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.  
Helen is on annual leave Sunday and  
Monday and is off on Friday.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 22nd April

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

1.45pm Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00am Social Committee Meeting  
*Lysander Way*

### Tuesday 23rd April

8.00pm APCM  
*Church Hall*

### Wednesday 24th April

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*

### Thursday 25th April

*Church Office is closed*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 26th April

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

### Saturday 27th April

11.00am Children and Young People  
Committee Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

6.00pm Junior Choir Concert  
*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.paritygiving.org.uk](http://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](mailto:giving@abbotslangley.org.uk). Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**Junior choir Concert - Saturday 27th April 6.00pm** - All are very welcome. If there is a young person who would be interested in performing - instrumentally or vocally - not just as part of the choir, then please contact Marianne Ryall, Director of Music: [directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Malawi trip - 2nd to 18th May.** We are now collecting items to take with us when we visit Malawi. There are flyers at the back of the Church with items needed for the hospital and school. In particular we are collecting: PPE (disposable gloves, masks and aprons). Pens, coloured pencils, lead pencils, sharpeners and Maths equipment Also, girls knickers 9-13 years. Please take a look at the full list at the back of the church. 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](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com)

**Friends of St Lawrence Wine Tasting Evening - Saturday 18th May 7.30pm.** Come and join us for 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. Do come along for an entertaining evening £22.50pp. Book your ticket with Penny McLoughlin.

**May concerts** - we hope you can join us for another series of concerts in May. These are the dates for your diaries. The first three concerts start at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am and a retiring collection in aid of church funds. 5th May - Parmiter's School Musicians. 11th May Southern/Stratton family. 18th May Organ Recital by staff and pupils of Merchant Taylor's School. 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.

**Christian aid week, May 12th to 18th** - 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 still short of a few collectors and wondered if we have anybody who could help fill the gaps for them over there. 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.

Please donate **jam jars for the May Messy Church** to the church office. 1lb jars would be best.

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