

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

16th August 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Readers: Nigel Higgs
Marianne Chapman

Intercessions: Roland Maxted

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Ann Bolitho Jones

Readings:
Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 (P. 696)
Psalm 67 (P. 540)
Romans 11.1-2, 29-32 (P. 156)
Matthew 15.10-20 (P. 16)

Hymns:

368 All my hope on God is Founded
Psalm 67 (overleaf) (*St. Lawrence*)

348 We cannot measure (*Bedmond*)

557 Praise to the Holiest

581 Take my life, and let it be

386 Be thou my vision

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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 67 Response



Let the peo - ples praise you O God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

Response: Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Response

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Response

Then shall the earth
bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth
shall fear him.

Response

Food for Thought...

Most of our lives are about doing: they should also be about being and becoming. For we have this extraordinary capacity, the capacity to love, to give ourselves in love and to delight in receiving it; and our destiny as lovers-in-the-making is to share (if we desire it) in ‘the Love which moves the sun and the other stars’, which is none other than God himself. We are programmed for nothing less. This is why we are restless, homesick, aware of a sense of incompleteness and dissatisfaction, and – strangest of all – aware too of an altruistic desire to reach out to others, to go beyond the narrow world of our self-concern. In Thomas Traherne’s *Centuries*, he writes of how each of us is ‘as prone to love as the sun is to shine’ and adds, ‘never was anything in this world loved too much, but many things have been loved in a false way, and all in too short a measure.’ (Michael Mayne, *Pray, Love, Remember*, p.85)

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
• The parish of St Mary’s, Watford • The pastoral and bereavement visitors • Our local hospitals • Local and national government FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings FOR THE DEPARTED Chris Ballard; Yvonne Butler	Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i> <u>Monday 17th August</u> 10.00am Coffee Morning <i>Breakspear Room</i> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Tuesday 18th August</u> <u>Wednesday 19th August</u> 12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Thursday 20th August</u> 10.00am Funeral of Christine Ballard <i>The Tin Church</i> 2.00pm Funeral of Yvonne Butler <i>St. Lawrence</i> <u>Friday 21st August</u> 2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspear Room</i> <u>Saturday 22nd August</u> 11.00am Christening of Albie Watson <i>St Lawrence</i> 1.00pm Christening of Stanley Atkinson <i>St Lawrence</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday 23rd August 2026 12th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St. Lawrence	
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
Isaiah 51.1-6 (P. 691) Psalm 138 (P. 588) Romans 12.1-8 (P. 157) Matthew 16.13-20 (P. 17)	
LYCHGATE APPEAL	
The Lychgate Appeal is well underway, and so far we have raised £ 13,200. Thank you to everyone for your support.	
	AVAILABILITY
	Peter is not around on Monday 17th.

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 or scan the QR code. 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

Volunteers Needed: If anyone is willing to provide a lift to church, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please contact Whitney at the church office.

Save the Date: This year's Parish Quiet Day will be on the 26th September between

10am-4pm. Peter and Lizzie will be leading a day on how to read the Bible.

The **Food Bank** continues to be grateful for the brilliant support from the parish. Right now they are in particular need of: soup, small pouches/packets of dog/cat food, and any summer treats for children.

The **Tin Church Annual Fete** takes place on Saturday 12th September, from 1-4pm. There will be refreshments, homemade cakes and produce, bric-a-brac, books, a raffle and tombola.

A container for **Malawi** leaves at the end of September: please see *Outlook* for items required.

Stratosfrere Concert in aid of the Malawi Project—Saturday 19th September in St. Lawrence at 7pm. A local band who write their own songs and play hits from the 70s. There will be light refreshments: do come along to support!

SAVE THE LYCHGATE



Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration.

We are seeking to raise **£15,000** to preserve this cherished landmark for future generations.

Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.
PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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