

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

14th April 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## TODAY

## WELCOME

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

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

**Reader:** David Staines

**9.30am** Second Sunday Service at  
St Lawrence Church

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**11.30am** Bible Brunch at the Church  
of the Ascension

**Leader:** Revd. Helen Neville

**Readings:**  
(Zephaniah 3: 14 - end) (P. 891)  
Acts 3: 12 - 19 (P. 116)  
Luke 24: 36 - 49 (P. 87))

**5.00pm** BCP Evening Prayer

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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Might you be interested in becoming a member of the St Albans' Diocesan Synod?

The Diocesan Synod is the democratically elected decision-making body of the diocese. Membership is comprised of both clergy and laity, with representatives from each of the 20 deaneries in the diocese. Synod members are elected for a period of three years, beginning on 1 August in the year of their election.

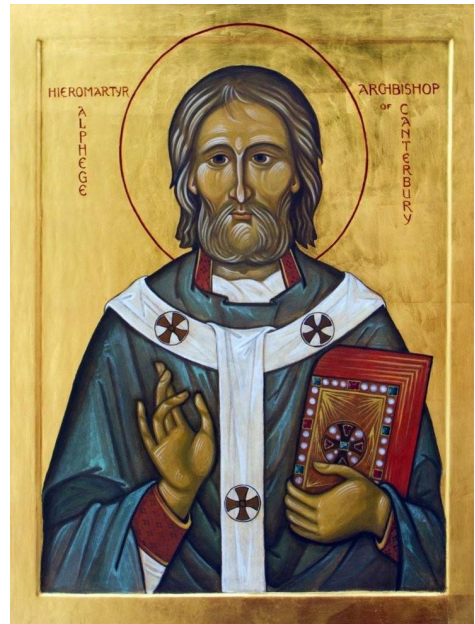
Three meetings are normally held each year – on Saturdays in March, June and October. Agenda items include consideration of matters of religious or public interest, as well as consideration of the accounts, budget and policies adopted for the diocese.

If your name is on the electoral roll of any parish in the Diocese, you are eligible to stand for election. Do speak to Peter if you'd like to know more

## Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury

### 19 April

Alphege became a monk at Deerhurst near Gloucester and withdrew in later life to be a hermit in Somerset. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dunstan, drew him back to be Abbot of Bath and, in 984, Bishop of Winchester. In 1005 he was made Archbishop of Canterbury, where his austere life and lavish almsgiving made him a revered and much-loved man. In the year 1011, the Danes overran south-east England, taking Alphege prisoner. They put the enormous ransom of £3000 on his head, but Alphege refused to pay it and forbade anyone from doing so, knowing that it would impoverish the ordinary people even more. He was brutally murdered by his captors at Greenwich on this day in the year 1012.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the people and governments of Israel and Iran
- For peace in Gaza and the wider Middle East
- For our parish schools as the new term begins
- For St. James', Bushey.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; Holly;  
Bishop Alan; The King;

### FOR THE DEPARTED

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

**21st April 2024**

The Fourth 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
- 5.00pm Taizé Service

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 7: 1 - 5; 11 - 18; 8: 6 - 18; 9: 8 -  
13 (P. 6)  
Acts 4: 5 - 12 (P. 117)  
1 John 3: 16 - end (P. 237)  
John 10: 11 - 18 (P. 100)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Tuesday.  
Helen is on annual leave Mon 15th -  
Mon 22nd April.

## THE COMING WEEK

**Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Monday 15th April

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

1.45pm Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Wednesday 17th April

11.15am Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 18th April

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 19th April

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

2.00pm Funeral of Bryan Thatcher  
*West Herts Crematorium*

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](http://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](mailto:giving@abbotslangley.org.uk). Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

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