

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

14th September 2025

HOLY CROSS DAY



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Tom Betteridge

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

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

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

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Frances Foulsham

### Readings:

Numbers 21: 4 - 9 (P. 145)  
(Philippians 2: 6 - 11) (P. 194)  
John 3: 13 - 17 (P. 90)

### Hymns at Bedmond:

123: There is a green hill far away  
432: From Heaven you came  
442: God is Love  
127: When I survey the wondrous cross

**5.00pm** Choral Evensong at St  
Lawrence Church

## 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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-



**Refreshments will  
be served in the  
Church Hall after  
the 9.30am service.**



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

### NOTICES:

**Thank you to all those who came to the Watford Band Concert.** The proceeds from the ticket sales are split between the Watford Band and St Lawrence. We raised just over £300 on the night for church funds. The next opportunity to hear the band is 6th December.

**Friends of St Lawrence - Pie Corner Open Garden Event.** Many thanks to everyone who supported (as helper or attendee) last Sunday's Open Garden event at Pie Corner in Bedmond. It was a lovely afternoon in a beautiful setting, serenaded with 1940's music. The Friends of St Lawrence's funds, which are used to support the PCC in the maintenance and enhancement of the Church building, are now £1,000 larger as a result of the event.

**Norman & Wendy Meldrum's daughter Nicola** is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on 12<sup>th</sup> October, raising money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which supports her Dad. If you would like to sponsor Nicola please go to her JustGiving page at: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicola-summerfield-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicola-summerfield-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)  
Many thanks Wendy & Norman

**Friends of St Lawrence Quiz Night: 18th October 7pm Church Hall.** See Wendy Meldrum for tickets. More details later!

**12th October St Lawrence Harvest Festival service** will be at 11am. There is a harvest lunch following the service. If you would like to come to the lunch please make sure you sign the list before 8th October so we can know numbers.

## Holy Cross Day

### 14 September

The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church, though the latter has been revived in recent times. After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.



**As part of her training, Helen is away for the next three weeks on placement at a parish in Bradford. She returns from 23rd September.**

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the people of Malosa, Malawi
- For all in our criminal justice system
- For all the recently baptised
- For Christchurch and St Mark

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Jane Anderson; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Rob Sheppard; John Swallow

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Christian Jean-Paul Briançon; Charlie Proctor; Norma McBarnette; Richard Batchelor

## NEXT SUNDAY

**21st September 2025**

### Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

|         |                                          |
|---------|------------------------------------------|
| 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 at St Lawrence Church      |

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Proverbs 3: 13 - 18 (P. 597)  
2 Corinthians 4: 1 - 6 (P. 177)  
Matthew 9: 9 - 13 (P. 8)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday  
Helen is away from the parish on placement in Bradford until 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 15th September

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspeare Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Tuesday 16th September

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*Breakspeare Room*

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Wednesday 17th September

12.00pm Eucharist  
*Corpus Christi Chapel*

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 18th September

7.30pm Deanery Cake and Praise  
*St Lukes Church*

### Friday 19th September

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat  
*The Tin Church*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Saturday 20th September

10.00am North Eastern district of the Middlesex Association of Bellringers  
*St Lawrence Church*

11.00am Children and Young People's Committee Meeting  
*Breakspeare Room*

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: [churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Cake and Praise - Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church, Watford.** A warm invitation to all the churches in the deanery to come together for worship and friendship. All are welcome.

**Gravetalk – Tuesday 23rd September, 7.30pm.** Churches Together in Abbots Langley invite you to an informal, café-style evening at Elvira's (Henderson Hub), offering a relaxed and welcoming space to explore conversations around death, dying, and funerals. A chance to connect with others open to honest, thoughtful and even light-hearted conversations about death in a your free place, email: [bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com](mailto:bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com)

**Talk on the "Bedmond Pioneers"** by John Noonan & reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms. **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the Church of the Ascension. 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.

**WHERE IT ALL STARTED! G&S CONCERT OF SONGS. SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER. AT 6.30PM** Come along to the Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Concert of songs in celebration of its 75th Anniversary with G&S singers past and present. Entrance free, retiring collection for Friends of St Lawrence and Abbots Langley G&S, venue... St Lawrence Church.

**Visit to the Hospice of St Francis on 30th September 2pm.** We have arranged for a small group of people to visit the Hospice of St Francis in Spring Garden Lane, Berkhamsted, on 30th September at 2pm. If you would be interested in joining the group there are four places still available. Please let Carol Higgs know before 18th September if you would like to go. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, Carol - 07791901750.

**Friends and Faith returns on Thursday 25th September,** with a six week course looking at the Creeds. Open to everyone who wants to make friends and explore the faith, and especially useful for anyone in being baptised or confirmed at the end of October. Speak to Peter to find out more...

**PLACES ARE LIMITED. CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HARVEST SUPPER. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 6.30 for 7pm. Ploughmans supper & pudding. Cost £7.** Sign up sheet will be at the back of both Churches. Payment required by **29<sup>th</sup> September** please, in an envelope with your name on, to the Parish Office or give to Anne Goldsmith. On the evening, please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drink and a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

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