

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

12th May 2024

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

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. Peter Waddell

Readings:

Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28 (P. 818)
(Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - end) (P. 114)
1 John 5: 9 - 13 (P. 239)
John 17: 6 - 19 (P. 108)

5.00pm: BCP Evening Prayer
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 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 9.30am
service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthias the Apostle

14 May

After the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot, the apostles brought their number back to twelve by choosing Matthias to replace him. He was chosen by lot from amongst the disciples. The author of the Acts of the Apostles sees apostleship differently from Paul's interpretation of the rôle and seems to reflect the understanding of the gospel of Luke. The number had to be restored so that they might "sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel". It was conditional that they had to have been with Jesus during his earthly ministry and witnesses to the resurrection. The point of being chosen by lot, rather than by some democratic method, indicated the election or choosing by God, rather than by mortals.

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

St Lawrence Church Sunday 19th May

5.00pm

Canticles: *Stanford in Bb.*

Preces and Responses: *William Smith*

Introit:

My Eyes for Beauty Pine (Herbert Howells)

Anthem:

Cantique de Jean Racine (Gabriel Fauré)

Psalms:

104.26-37

Hymns:

175 Come down o love divine

174 Breathe on me, breath of God

All are welcome



7:30 pm, Wednesday 22 May

Elvira's, Henderson Hub,

High Street, Abbots Langley, WD5 0AR

Book a free place email – bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

Spaces are limited

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the whole church that it may be renewed in the Spirit
- For the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Watford
- For our Tiny Tots toddler group
- For the people of Malosa, Malawi, and our Malawi team.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; Bishop Alan; Sean Furlong; The Princess of Wales; Stephen Maxted; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Tony Horrox

FOR THE DEPARTED

Wendy Bryant

NEXT SUNDAY

19th May 2024

Pentecost

- 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 Pentecost Evensong

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1 - 21 (P.115)
Romans 8: 22 - 27 (P. 154)
John 15: 26 - 27; 16: 4b - 15 (P. 107)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are off on Friday.
Helen is at a conference on Tuesday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 13th May

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 15th May

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 16th May

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 17th May

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 18th May

11.00am Spring Concert

Organ Recital

Staff and Pupils at Merchant Taylors' School

St Lawrence Church

7.30pm Friends of St Lawrence Wine Tasting

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.

Friends of St Lawrence Wine Tasting Evening - Saturday 18th May 7.30pm. 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. £22.50pp. Book your ticket with Penny McLoughlin.

May concerts - 18th May Organ Recital by staff and pupils of Merchant Taylor's School. Concerts start at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am and retiring collection in aid of church funds. The final concert in the series is 25th May 7.30pm Watford Band Last Night of the Proms. Tickets £10 www.ticketsource.co.uk or from Carol Higgs.

The Sunday lunch in May has been changed to Sunday 26th May at 1.00pm.

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.

Bell Sunday is TODAY! We will be opening the tower today between 2-4pm. There will be a short demonstration of bellringing. If you are passing or if you are curious about how bellringing works feel free to drop in. <https://bellsunday.org/>

Memorial Tablets - We are currently in the process of looking into laying memorial tablets around the edge of the Garden of Remembrance. If you have a loved one buried in the Garden of Remembrance and are interested in this memorial option, please contact the Church Office.

Church Fete - Saturday 15th June 12.00pm-3.00pm (At the front of St Lawrence Church). COULD WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE DONATE ...Bottles, tins, packets, toiletries or unwanted gifts for the tombola. Cakes, jams or chutney. Plants. Raffle prizes **Please let us have the tombola items in advance** but the others can be brought along on the day from 9.30am onwards or to the office in advance.

New Hope Appeal - "Cultivate" is a New Hope recovery service which exists to support those recovering from homelessness, substance dependency and complex trauma through horticultural therapy and wellbeing opportunities. New Hope are currently looking to raise £10,000 to support this service. Donations will be match-funded (doubled) by Big Give if you are able to donate between 14th and 28th May. To donate go to www.newhope.org.uk/restore Thank you. Ian Bond"

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