

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

6th April 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Hilary Samson-Barry

**9.30am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

**Reader:** Wendy Meldrum

**Intercessions:** Tom Betteridge

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

**President  
Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville

**Reader:** Linda Ball

### Readings:

(Isaiah 43: 16 - 21) (P. 682)  
Philippians 3: 4b - 14 (P. 195)  
John 12: 1 - 8 (P. 102)

### Hymns:

112: My Song is Love Unknown  
123: There is a green hill  
54: I cannot tell  
127: When I survey  
376: And can it be?

**5.00pm** Breathing Space - *Does  
Truth Matter?* In St  
Lawrence Church

*Peter is taking the 10am service at St Paul's  
Church, Langleybury.*

## 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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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### ANTHEM:

**'God so loved the world'** by *Sir John Stainer*.

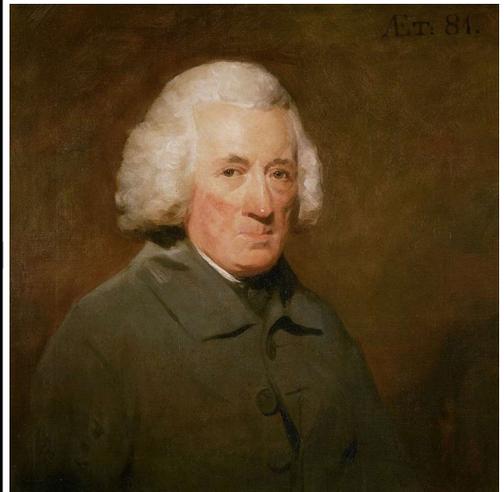
God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.  
Amen.

## William Law, Priest

### 10 April

Born at Kings Cliffe in Northamptonshire in 1686, William Law was educated at Emmanuel College Cambridge and, after ordination as a deacon, became a fellow of the College in 1711. When George I came to the throne in 1714, William declined to take the Oath of Allegiance, being a member of the Non-Juror party who believed the anointed but deposed monarch James II and his heirs should occupy the throne. He lost his fellowship but in 1728 he was made a priest and in the same year published *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, which much influenced such people as Samuel Johnson and John and Charles Wesley. In it he stresses the moral virtues, a personal prayer life and asceticism. He returned to Kings Cliffe in 1740, where he led a life of devotion and simplicity and caring for the poor. He remained there the rest of his life and died on this day in the year 1761.



### Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM

This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Thursday 22nd May 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 Tom.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the people of Myanmar
- For Soul Survivor, Watford
- For children during the school holidays
- For all victims of abuse

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Laya Watters; Angela Powley; Wendy Westoby

### FOR THE DEPARTED

## NEXT SUNDAY

**13th April 2025**

### Palm Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.00am Service at Kitters Green
- 11.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 5.00pm Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a (P. 691)  
Philippians 2: 5 - 11 (P. 194)  
Luke 22: 14 - end of 23 (P. 83)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and  
Helen is off on Friday.

## THE COMING WEEK

**Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer

*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Monday 7th April

10.00am Coffee Morning

*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

*St Lawrence Church*

### Wednesday 9th April

10.30am Palm Cross making with

Mothers' Union

*Breakspear Room*

12.00pm Eucharist

*Corpus Christi Chapel*

2.30pm Messy Church

*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Practice

*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 10th April

12.30pm Lent Course: Heresy 101

*Breakspear Room*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 11th April

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

*The Church of the Ascension*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

*Breakspear Room*

### Saturday 12th April

3.00pm - 5.00pm Children's Easter

Workshop

*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.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)

**This Lent, we invite you to join us for a Lent group** looking at some of the most notable heresies in the history of the Church. *Heresy 101: A Lent Journey Through Error and Truth*. Every Thursday (until 10th April) at 12:30pm in the Breakspear Room, St Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

**This year we need to prepare a new electoral roll.** Being a member of the electoral roll of a parish entitles a person to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), to elect members of the PCC and Deanery Synods. It is the nearest thing a parish church has to a 'membership list'. If you want to be part of it, please complete the form at the back of the church and return it to the church office by **Friday 25th April 2025**.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of **Easter-themed crafts at St Lawrence Church** on Saturday 12th April from 3pm - 5pm. All are warmly welcome to attend and there will be lots of exciting activities for children to enjoy. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Please register by emailing**

[pennymccloughlin@live.co.uk](mailto:pennymccloughlin@live.co.uk) if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Palm Crosses** - do come along on 9th April, from 10.30am -12.00pm in the Breakspear Room, if you would like to know how to make a Palm Cross. Please bring a pair of scissors with you. We need to make all the Palm Crosses ready to be handed out at Kitters Green on Palm Sunday.

**If you would like breakfast on Easter Monday**, please sign the form at the back of church. The cost is £3.50 per person.

**Sponsor an Easter Lily** - Please let the church office know if you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation £5.00

**May Concerts.** Brenda and Carol are in need of some help at the May concerts which are happening on the 5 Saturdays in May. Please do come to the concerts - they are always a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Refreshments served from 10.30am. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can help by being on the door or bringing a cake or serving the refreshments.

**Friends of St Lawrence: Puzzle and Toy Fair: Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June 10 – 2pm.** Please remember to keep any jigsaw puzzles (adults and children), games and toys for our Fair in June and remember to put the date in your diary and come along.

**Malawi Project: 60s & 70s Night! Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm.** Come along and enjoy an amazing evening of music from the 60s and 70s including a quiz, dancing and a 60s/70s styled buffet. They'll be spot prizes and best dressed prizes to add to the fun. Tickets £10pp. Contact: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or Church Office 01923 261795

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### Church Office Opening Times:

10.00am until 12.30pm Mon-Fri - 01923 261795  
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**If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter or Helen directly.**