

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

10 May 2026

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Pam Rastall

Readings:

Acts 17: 22–31 (P. 134)

1 Peter 3: 13–end (P. 231)

John 14: 15–21 (P. 105)

Hymns at Bedmond:

543: O praise ye the Lord

474: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

525: Name of all Majesty

380: At the name of Jesus

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 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



www.abbotslangley.org.uk

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

'Jesus speaks to God *for us*, but we speak to God *in him*. You may say what you want - but *he* is speaking to the Father, gazing into the depths of the Father's love. And as you understand Jesus better, as you grow up a little in your faith, then what you want to say gradually shifts a bit more into alignment with what he is always saying to the Father, in his eternal love for the eternal love out of which his own life streams forth. That, in a nutshell, is prayer - letting Jesus pray in you, and beginning that lengthy and often very tough process in which our selfish thoughts and ideals and hopes are gradually aligned with his eternal action: just as, in his own earthly life, his human fears and hopes and desires and emotions are put into the context of his love for the Father, woven into his eternal relation with the Father.' (Rowan Williams, *Being Christian*)

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.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of St Luke's, Watford
- For those exploring faith
- For our local hospices
- For the courts and criminal justice system
- For newly elected councillors

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Clive Moon; Sophie Bellamy; John Davis

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 17th May 2026

The Seventh 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 (Tin Church)
- 5.00pm Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm Nameless Youth Group in Breakspear Room

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 1: 6 - 14 (P. 114)
1 Peter 4: 12 - 14, 5: 6 - 11 (P. 232)
John 17: 1 - 11 (P. 108)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 11th May

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 12th May

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 13th May

11.00am Mothers' Union
Breakspear Room

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Bereavement Team Meeting
Breakspear Room

Thursday 14th May

8.00pm Ascension Day Patronal Festival Service
The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)

Friday 15th May

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 16th May

11.00am Spring Concert Series
Southorn and Stratton Family
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 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.paritygiving.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

The APCM will take place on **Thursday 21 May at 8.00pm**. We are looking for new PCC representatives, new Deanery Synod representatives, and a new Churchwarden. If you are interested, please speak to Peter or one of the wardens. Please check the Electoral Roll at the back of the church to make sure your name is listed.

Malawi Project: Back to Bailey's Disco on Saturday May 30th 7.30pm at St Lawrence Church hall. Come and enjoy a fantastic evening of 60s, 70s and 80s music with lots of fun things to do. You can dance the night away or simply listen to the music! There will be chicken in a basket and bring your own drinks. £12.50pp. Contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com for tickets or the Church office on 01923 261795. Make sure you're there!!

Ascension Day Patronal Festival Service is on Thursday 14th May at 8pm at the Church of the Ascension Bedmond (Tin Church). All are warmly welcome to join in this celebration, where the choir will be in attendance. Please stay for bubbles and snacks after the service.

The **Spring Music Concert** series continues with a performance by the Southorn/Stratton Family at 11am on Saturday May 16th. The retiring collection goes to the urgent task of restoring the Lychgate.

Applications are invited for the post of **Parish Administrator** by Friday May 15th. Further details are available from the vicar.

Friends of St Lawrence Tours and Wedding Exhibition: Weekend 4/5th July. **Wedding Dresses: Married at St Lawrence? If you would like to display your wedding dress we would be delighted to add it to the exhibition. Please contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com.**

As part of the Abbots Langley Festival The Friends of the Tin Church presents a Feast of Country and Western Classics sung by John Noonan on Friday 3rd July at 7 for 7.30pm at the Church of the Ascension. Tickets £10 which includes a glass of wine and nibbles. All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church. Tickets available from John on 07856 732672 or email at: jnoonan05@aol.com or Wendy Ball.

CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Revd Dr Peter Waddell 07552 359046
Email: vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer: Roxanne Yau
safeguarding@abbotslangley.org.uk

Churchwardens: Tom Betteridge and Richard Baldwin (churchwardens@abbotslangley.org.uk)

Director of Music: Marianne Chapman
Email: directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk

Church Office Temporary Opening Times:
9.00am - 3.00pm Mon, Wed, Fri - 01923 261795
Email: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

Like us on



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