

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

19th November 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



## TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Revd. Helen Neville
- Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence  
Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Revd. Helen Neville
- Reader:** Brenda Southorn
- Intercessions:** Sally Sanderson
- 11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of  
the Ascension
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Revd. Helen Neville
- Reader:** Pam Rastall
- Readings:**  
Matthew 25:14-30 (P. 27)  
(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) (P. 202)  
(Zephaniah 1:7-end) (P. 889)  
Psalm 90:1-12 (P. 559)
- Hymns:**  
369: All people that on Earth do dwell  
385: Be thou my guardian and my guide  
474: Immortal, invisible  
603 v2: Thou hidden source of calm repose  
362: Tell out my soul
- 5.00pm** BCP Evening Prayer
- 6.30pm** Nameless Youth Group  
Breakspear Room

## 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.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. 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-aid users.



**Refreshments  
will be served in  
the church hall  
after the  
9.30am service.**



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### COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

‘God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is no good asking God to make us happy in our own way, without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.’

C.S Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

## Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

### 19 November

Hilda was born in 614 of the royal house of Northumbria. Baptised in York at the age of twelve by the Roman missionary Paulinus, she was later an influential lay leader of the Church. She was encouraged by Aidan of Lindisfarne to become a Religious, and subsequently established a monastery at Streanaeshalch (Whitby). This house became a great centre of learning and was the meeting-place for the important Synod of Whitby in the year 664 at which Hilda's rôle was that of a reconciler between the Roman and the Celtic traditions. She is remembered as a great educator, exemplified in her nurturing of Caedmon's gift of vernacular song. She died on 17 November in the year 680.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Israel and Gaza, and conflict zones around the world
- For parish of Christ Church and St. Mark's Watford, and their new priest in charge Vicki Davis.
- For the teenagers of Abbots Langley, and the local secondary schools.
- For the work of New Hope, Watford.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;  
Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly;  
Jan Sanders; Greta Mowat;

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Frances Kirkpatrick; Robin Smith;  
Doreen Wilson; Nancy Jenkins

## NEXT SUNDAY

**26th November 2023**

### Christ the King Sunday next before Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm Taizé Service

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24 (P. 816)  
Ephesians 1: 15 - end (P. 189)  
Matthew 25: 31 - end (P. 27)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.  
Helen is off on Friday.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 20th November

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

1.45pm Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Wednesday 22nd November

11.15am Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

6.30pm Youth Choir  
*St Lawrence Church*

7.45pm Choir Rehearsal  
*Church Hall*

### Thursday 23rd November

12.30pm Bible Group -  
Women in the Old Testament  
*Breakspear Room*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### Friday 24th November

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

### Saturday 25th November

10.00am - 1.00pm Christmas Coffee Morning  
*Church Hall*

1.30pm Burial of Ashes Marie Thomas  
*Garden of Remembrance*

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.

**Women of the Old Testament.** This new group continues to meet, Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!) in the Breakspear Room. Contact Helen for more info and pre-reading!

**Seniors Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 1pm @ St Saviours Parish Centre.** Bookings should be sent to St Saviours Parish Office by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. There is no set ticket price, but donations are accepted on the day for the food.

**The Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas coffee morning,** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November St Lawrence church hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Make sure you put the date in your diaries! Come along and enjoy our famous bacon and sausage butties, a cup of coffee and a cake! Come and buy those last minute Christmas presents and stocking fillers!

**The all-age Christingle service will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.** Each child will be given a Christingle to take home! All are very welcome to attend. **On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** there is the children's Christmas workshop where the Christingles will be made, along with lots of other fun Christmas arts and crafts. If you would like to attend the workshop please contact the Church office: [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Coffee rota** - thank you to everyone who helps by providing coffee on a Sunday in the hall. We have a few gaps in the rota. If you are able to help out on any of dates please let Carol or Amanda know: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Christmas Light Switch on St Lawrence Churchyard,** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00pm. Come along and enjoy hot chocolate and good music whilst you wait for the lights to be switched on!

**The Watford Band Christmas concert** is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm, featuring their development band Brass Beats. Adults £8, children free. Tickets on the door or in advance through Ticketsource: <https://ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband> or contact 07796 175838.

**All are welcome to our Advent Carol service** on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. There will be wonderful music, and the story of the King and his Kingdom being told in darkness and candlelight. Put the date in your diary!

**CTAL Street Carol Singing** - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome to meet outside the Hospice of St Francis charity shop at 10.30am. Lunch will be served in the Methodist Church Hall at 12.00pm. Donations in aid of Crisis at Christmas.

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