

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

28th April 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

**Reader:** David Staines

**9.30am** Eucharist Service at  
St Lawrence Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Wendy Meldrum

**Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty

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

**President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Anne Goldsmith

**Readings:**  
Acts 8: 26 - end (P. 123)  
(1 John 4: 7 - end) (P. 238)  
John 15: 1 - 8 (P. 106)

**Hymns:**  
250: All creatures of our God and King  
157: The day of resurrection  
570: Sing to the Lord a joyful song  
308: Just as I am  
513: Lord, the light of your love

**5.00pm** 3.30pm The Spark Service

## 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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### COLLECT:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### ANTHEM:

#### *The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams:

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love

## Catherine of Siena

### 29 April

Catherine Benincasa was born in 1347, the second youngest of twenty-five children.

Pious from her earliest years, she overcame family opposition to her vocation and became a Dominican tertiary at the age of eighteen. Nourished by a life of contemplative prayer and mystical experience, she devoted herself to active care for the poor and sick. She became increasingly sought out as an adviser on political as well as religious matters and, in 1376, she journeyed to Avignon as an ambassador to the pope and influenced his decision to return to Rome. She wrote a *Dialogue* on the spiritual life as well as numerous letters of counsel and direction, which stressed her devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. She suffered a stroke on 21 April and died eight days later, on this day in the year 1380.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For our Malawi team, and the people of Malosa
- For all those standing in local government elections
- For the parish of St. Luke's Watford
- For those preparing to be baptised and confirmed

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; Holly;  
Bishop Alan; The King;

### FOR THE DEPARTED

James Mote; Peter Campbell;  
Susan Wright; Arthur McGill;  
June McMullan;

## NEXT SUNDAY

**5th May 2024**

The Sixth 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
- 5.00pm Breathing Space - Freedom

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11 (P. 696)  
Acts 10: 44 - end (P. 126)  
1 John 5: 1 - 6 (P. 238)  
John 15: 9 - 17 (P. 106)

## AVAILABILITY

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

## THE COMING WEEK

### **Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### **Monday 29th April**

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Church Hall*

11.30am Funeral of Peter Campbell  
*St Lawrence Church*

1.45pm Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### **Tuesday 30th April**

10.30am Funeral of June McMullan  
*Hemel Hempstead Crematorium*

11.30am Funeral of Susan Wright  
*West Herts Crematorium*

### **Wednesday 1st May**

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*The Church of the Ascension*

11.15am Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

3.30pm Messy Church  
*Methodist Church*

6.30pm Youth Choir  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### **Thursday 2nd May**

10.00am Burial of Ashes Russell Smith  
*Garden of Remembrance*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Friday 3rd May**

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

11.00am Funeral of Arthur McGill  
*St Lawrence Church*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Saturday 4th May**

11.00am Spring Concert Parmiter's School Musicians  
*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: [giving@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)** Wednesday 1st May. All are welcome.

**May concerts** - we hope you can join us for another series of concerts in May. The first three concerts start at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am and a retiring collection in aid of church funds. 5th May - Parmiter's School Musicians. 11th May Southorn/Stratton family. 18th May Organ Recital by staff and pupils of Merchant Taylor's School. The final concert in the series is 25th May 7.30pm Watford Band Last Night of the Proms. Tickets £10 [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or from Carol Higgs.

**Christian aid week, May 12th to 18<sup>th</sup>** -Although we are not doing any house-to-house collection for Christian Aid week in Abbots Langley this year, our friends in Kings Langley are running one in their village. They are short of a few collectors and wondered if we have anybody who could help fill the gaps for them. Our contact is Peter Jowsey, on 07837 400480, if anyone is available to help out.

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.

Please donate **jam jars for the May Messy Church** to the church office. 1lb jars would be best.

**Pie Corner in Bedmond is open for the National Gardens Scheme** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2 – 5 pm raising money for nursing charities. Home made teas and a plant sale by Sunnyside Rural Trust. Full details are on the website, link below and you can book on line or turn up and pay on the day: <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/35018/pie-corner>

**On Monday 29th April the coffee morning will be held in the hall.**

**12th May Bell Sunday.** We will be opening the tower on Sunday 12th May 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/>

**Date for your diary** - Thursday 9th May 8.00pm, Ascension Day service at the Church of the Ascension. All are welcome.

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

**We are looking for two new helpers** to work along side others already on the coffee rota for Sunday coffee. This is for 6 Sundays a year. Please let Amanda or Carol know if you can help.

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