

**THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY**  
St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley  
with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond  
**17th November 2024**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**



**TODAY**

- 8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Maureen Finerty
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of  
the Ascension
- President:** Revd Helen Neville  
**Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**  
Daniel 12: 1 - 3 (P. 849)  
Hebrews 10: 11 - 14 (15 - 18) 19 - 25  
(P. 221)  
Mark 13: 1 - 8 (P. 48)
- Hymns:**  
368: All my hope on God is founded  
Psalm 16  
386: Be thou my vision  
603 v2: Thou hidden source of calm repose  
362: Tell out my soul
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service  
St Lawrence Church
- 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.

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:

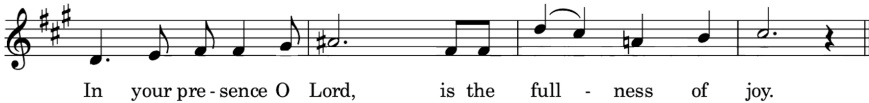
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal 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:

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.

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### PSALM 16.1-5,8-10



### Response

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart.

### Response

Though the idols are legion that many run after,  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

### Response

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
in your hands alone is my fortune.  
My share has fallen in a fair land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

### Response

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

### Response

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### Response

### ANTHEM:

#### If Ye Love Me

*Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the spr'it of truth.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all victims of abuse and exploitation
- For those whose trust has been shattered
- For Archbishop Justin and his family
- For the renewal of the Church of England

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Stephen Murray; Frank Tilley; Wendy Westoby; Erica, Neil Dormer

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Liz Burns; Penny Nii; Daphne Bell; Lindsay Bull

## NEXT SUNDAY

**24th November 2024**

### Christ the King

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 3.30pm The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14 (P. 843)  
Revelation 1: 4b - 8 (P. 242)  
John 18: 33 - 37 (P. 110)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday  
Helen is on annual leave 18th - 24th and at a Retreat 25th - 27th.

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Monday 18th November

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspeare Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Tuesday 19th November

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*Breakspeare Room*

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Wednesday 20th November

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 21st November

*Church Office is Closed*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Friday 22nd November

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspeare Room*

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) Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**Immy and Kathy in Concert** - Saturday 30th November 5pm in St Lawrence Church. Soprano songs, classical, musical and modern. Retiring collection for the Friends of St Lawrence and the Malawi Project. Cake and refreshments available for a donation afterwards.

**Christmas Light Switch On, Thursday 28th November at 6pm in St Lawrence Churchyard.** Enjoy hot chocolate and a lovely atmosphere whilst watching the Christmas lights being switched on!

**Christmas Coffee Morning: Saturday 30th November 10am - 1pm.** Friends of St Lawrence would welcome Christmas items for their stall at the coffee morning. If you have any new unwanted gifts, toiletries etc we would be delighted to have them for our stall. Also, if

anyone was able to make cake/small cakes, scones etc please could they contact Wendy Meldrum. Thank you!

All are welcome at the **Advent Carol service** on Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church.

**Christmas Crafts Workshop Saturday 7th December 2pm - 4pm.** All are welcome for crafts, Christingle making, decorating the tree followed by a reading of the Christmas story. For all ages and the whole family is invited! Simple refreshments will be served. For more information or to let us know that you will be attending contact: [pennymccloughlin@live.co.uk](mailto:pennymccloughlin@live.co.uk) or church office [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**At the 9.30am service next Sunday** we will be celebrating the baptism of Leroy Chapman.

**It's a wonderful life, is it?**

**Speaker: The Revd Peter Waddell, Vicar of Abbots Langley and Bedmond**

Frank Capra's 1947 film *It's a Wonderful Life* is perhaps *the* classic Christmas film. The story of George, Mary Clarence, Mr Potter and the little community of Bedford Fall is much loved. Yet, there are dark shadows in it too, and much food for thought. What, if anything, does it have to do with the Gospel? Find out more in this fascinating exploration of the theologies behind the film with the Revd Peter Waddell.

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Time: 7:00pm - 8.30pm

St Albans Cathedral, Sumpter Yard, St Albans, AL1 1BY (in the Alban Room).

Cost | £10 (£6 students)

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