

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

**27th September 2026**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Joan Sutton

**9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

**President & Preacher:** Revd Lizzie Hood

**Readers:** Roland Maxted  
Debbie Herrington

**Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn

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

**President & Preacher:** Revd Lizzie Hood

**Reader:** Pam Rastall

### Readings:

Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–end (p.797)  
Psalm 25.1–8 (p.513)  
Philippians 2.1–13 (p.194)  
Matthew 21.23–32 (p.22)

### Hymns:

163 All hail the power of Jesu's name  
391 Blest are the pure in heart  
458 Have faith in God, my heart  
375 Amazing Grace  
398 Christ Triumphant, ever reigning

**3.30pm** The Spark Service  
St Lawrence Church

*Peter is at Bushey today for the 10am 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! A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



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



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

### ANTHEM:

#### **Saint Richard's Prayer**

*Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which thou hast won for us,  
Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
Saviour, hear our prayer:  
may we know thee more clearly,  
may we love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

### TIME AND TALENTS:

THANK YOU to all the huge number of volunteers who make our churches such lively places to be—whether it's up front or behind the scenes, everyone's contribution matters hugely.

Is there something you'd like to get involved with? Something you might want to lay down for a while? Something we're not doing that we really should, and you could? Let us know!

Please pick up and complete one of our 'Time and Talents' leaflets, and leave it in the wooden ballot box by the door (or pop it into the Parish Office). It'd be great to have them all back in by **Sunday 4th October**.

### POST COMMUNION:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### **Vincent de Paul**

**Founder of the Congregation of  
Lazarists**

**27th September**

Born in 1581 at Ranquine in Gascony, Vincent was educated by the Franciscans and was ordained at the age of nineteen. He was something of a token priest until his conversion in 1609, when he resolved to devote himself and all he owned to works of charity. He founded communities for men and, with Louise de Marillac, helped to begin the Sisters of Charity, the first community of women not to be enclosed and which was devoted to caring for the poor and sick. Vincent worked for the relief of galley slaves, victims of war, convicts and many other groups of needy people. He became a legend in his own lifetime and died on this day in the year 1660.

| FOR OUR PRAYERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | THE COMING WEEK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The parish of All Saints Leavesden</li> <li>All victims of abuse within the church</li> <li>The emergency services</li> <li>All members of Parliament.</li> </ul> <p><b>FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED</b><br/>           Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer;<br/>           Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton;<br/>           Elizabeth Pazzi-Axworthy</p> <p><b>FOR THE DEPARTED</b><br/>           Barbara Procter</p> | <p><b>Monday–Saturday, 9.15am</b><br/>           Morning Prayer<br/> <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i></p> <p><b><u>Monday 28th September</u></b></p> <p>10.00am Coffee Morning<br/> <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 29th September</u></b></p> <p>10.30am Tiny Tots<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 30th September</u></b></p> <p>12.00pm Eucharist<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p>6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p>8.00pm Choir Rehearsal<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><b><u>Thursday 1st October</u></b></p> <p>12.00pm Alpha Course<br/> <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>2.30pm Funeral of Barbara Procter<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p>8.00pm Alpha Course<br/> <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p><b><u>Friday 2nd October</u></b></p> <p>10.00am Tin Church Craft Group<br/> <i>The Tin Church</i></p> <p>2.00pm Craft and Conversation<br/> <i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p><b><u>Saturday 3rd October</u></b></p> <p>9.30am Churchyard Working Party<br/> <i>St Lawrence Churchyard</i></p> <p>7.30pm FOSL Quiz Night<br/> <i>St Lawrence Church Hall</i></p> |
| NEXT SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Sunday 4th October 2026</b><br/> <b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b></p> <p>8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence</p> <p>9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence</p> <p>11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church</p> <p>5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Lawrence</p> <p>6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at<br/>           St Lawrence Church Hall</p>                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| READINGS NEXT SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Isaiah 5.1–7 (P. 644)<br/>           Psalm 80.8–16 (P. 552)<br/>           Philippians 3.4b–14 (P. 195)<br/>           Matthew 21.33–end (P. 22)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>Peter is off on Monday.</p> <p>Church office will be closed to the public<br/>           on Tuesdays during September.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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.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

**Alpha Course:** A brilliant chance to explore the Christian faith. Every Thursday 12–1.30pm and 8–9.30pm. From 24<sup>th</sup> September–26<sup>th</sup> November at St. Lawrence Church.

**Are you interested in being baptised or confirmed this Autumn?** There'll be a service in the Abbey on Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm. Please speak to Peter ASAP if you'd like to be one of our candidates!

**FOSL Quiz Night: Sat 3rd October 7pm**  
Join our brilliant Quiz Night on 3rd October. Make up a table of 8 or join a table for the

night. There will be a two course meal (BYO drinks). Tickets are £18.50pp, from [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com). Come along and join in the fun!

The **Malawi container shipment** is on hold due to conflict in the Middle East. Please hold onto your donations for now, and watch for updates! Thanks to all who have given so far.

**The Tin Church Harvest Supper.** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost £7. Ploughmans Supper & Pudding. Limited places—payment required by 12<sup>th</sup> October please in an envelope with your name on to the Parish Office or Anne Goldsmith. On the evening, please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drink & a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

**Watford Food Bank** would be grateful for donations of tinned foods, squash drinks, instant mash, biscuits, sweets/snacks, pasta sauces.

We are looking to expand our **Malawi Team!** Might you be interested in being part of the team, helping with fundraising, administration or even joining us on our visit in May 2027? Come and find out what we do with a short presentation on Sunday 4th October, 11am in the Breakspear Room. All welcome!



### SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration.

Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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**Church Office Opening Times:**  
10.00am–1.00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs,  
Fri (Closed Wednesdays)



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