



# Outlook

**April 2026**

**Abbots Langley  
and Bedmond  
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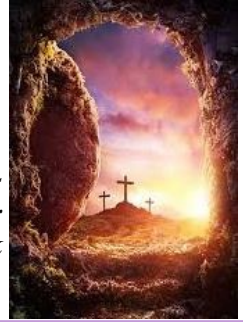


## Dear Reader

Welcome to the April edition of *Outlook*! As the beauty of spring begins to blossom, we are delighted to share parish news and details of events taking place in the weeks ahead. All are warmly invited to the Easter services as we come together to

celebrate this joyful season of hope, renewal, and new beginnings

*Amanda Hawkes*  
Assistant Editor  
of *Outlook*



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# April Calendar



## REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

### Sunday

**8am** Eucharist  
at St. Lawrence

**9.30am** Eucharist  
at St. Lawrence

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

### Wednesday

**12.00 noon** Eucharist

### Monday to Saturday

**9.15am** Morning Prayer

## WEEKLY EVENTS

*Weekly events do not  
happen on a bank holiday.*

### Monday 10.00am

Coffee Morning  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots  
*Breakspeare Room*  
(Term time only)

### Thursday 8.00pm

Friends and Faith  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Friday 10.00am

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

### Friday 2.00pm

Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspeare Room*

## OTHER EVENTS

### Wednesday 1st 10am

Coffee Morning  
*The Tin Church*

### Wednesday 1st 2pm

Compassionate Café  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Thursday 2nd 8pm

Maundy Thursday Service  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Good Friday 10.00am

Walk of Witness  
*St Paul's Church,  
Langleybury*

### Good Friday 2.00pm

An Hour at the Cross  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Saturday 4th 9.30am

Churchyard Working  
Party (CYP)  
*St Lawrence Churchyard*

### Easter Day 6.10am

Sunrise Service  
*Bedmond Playing Fields*

### Easter Day 9.30am

Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Easter Day 11.30am

Eucharist  
*The Church of the  
Ascension (Tin Church)*

### Easter Monday 9.30am

Holy Communion  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Easter Monday 11.00am

Pilgrimage to  
St Albans Abbey  
*St Lawrence Car Park*

### Tuesday 7th 8pm

Blokes  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Sunday 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Wednesday 8th 11am

Mother's Union  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Wednesday 8th 3.30pm

Messy Church  
*Methodist Church*

### Sunday 12th 5.00pm

Choral Evensong  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Sunday 19th 1pm

Sunday Lunch  
*St Lawrence Church Hall*

### Sunday 19th 5.00pm

Taizé Service  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Sunday 19th 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group  
*Breakspeare Room*

### Saturday 25th 5.00pm

Junior Choir Concert  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Saturday 25th 7.30pm

FOSL Wine Tasting Event  
*St Lawrence Church Hall*

### Sunday 26th 3.30pm

The Spark Service  
*St Lawrence Church*





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# Messy Church

We had a fun Messy Church in March as we learnt about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We learnt about Jesus' disciples (all 12 of them!), how they were not perfect, just like us but that they tried hard to follow Jesus just as we should do. In our worship we sang the song "Jesus hands were kind hands doing good to all" and we took the line in the song ... "Take our hands Lord Jesus, make them work for you" as our theme. To illustrate our theme, the children made very messy, painted hand prints and hand shaped decorated biscuits!

**April Messy Church:  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
St Lawrence Church  
2.30 - 4.40pm**

April's Messy Church will fall in the Easter holidays so we will be having it at St Lawrence Church where we can have our usual Easter Treasure Hunt in the Church grounds. We will be meeting in Church at 2.30pm and will end with a party tea. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun. Messy Church is free but donations are welcome. Please could you let us know if you will be coming along so that we can cater for the craft resources and our party Messy Tea. Contact: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or the Church office on 01923 261795.



## A Farewell to Helen

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February we said goodbye and good luck to our curate Revd Helen Neville. She has left us to take up her new position at St Luke's Bricket Wood where she will be licensed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. By the time that you read this that will have happened. Of course, as is our custom in Abbots Langley and Bedmond, we sent her off in style with cake and fizz!



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## Mothers' UNION

As I write this in March we are in the middle of a busy month. At our March meeting we made the decision to become a Diocesan Members Group, rather than a Branch, as we have no one willing to be our Treasurer. In fact it makes very little difference to us (until we pay our subs next year!) and we shall continue to meet as we have done for many years - this branch in Abbots Langley was started in September 1889 so we are 137 years old this year!

Mothers' Union, as an organisation, started 150 years ago this year so there are various celebrations happening locally, nationally and internationally.

At our March meeting we also had a short Lent Meditation. We have one of our members, Doreen Higgs, to thank for making the Cake on Mothering Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> March) which was enjoyed

by all members of the congregation who were at coffee on that day – thank you, once again, Doreen – not sure how many years you have been making this but it must be quite a few! Palm Crosses have yet to be made (25<sup>th</sup> March) but we hope for a good turn out of members and others to make the Crosses for the parish, to be handed out on Palm Sunday. They could be bought ready made but there is something special about a group getting together to make them – as we have been doing for many years.

Our meeting in April is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am followed by Communion at 12.00noon – we are always open to visitors so do join us if you want to make new (or catch up with old!) friends.

Contact: [pamrastall@live.co.uk](mailto:pamrastall@live.co.uk)  
for more information.

# Churchyard

The churchyard has been looking amazing with all the spring bulbs flowering. We are grateful to those who have expressed the joy that this has given them as they walk through the churchyard. We have still to see the bluebells and the wild garlic which are now coming on a pace ready to following on from the snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and hyacinths. God's creation is truly wonderful.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council who has awarded us a grant of £3,500 to help us maintain the churchyard. We are also grateful to the wonderful team of volunteers who come every month to work in the churchyard - without them none of this would be possible. This is a picture of some of them in March having a well earned break half way through the morning – apologies to those who are just out of the shot.

We meet on the first Saturday in the month.



*Coffee break in the Breakspear Room*



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## Parish People

### Maureen Yolande Taylor (continued)

On Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1977, Maureen and her family moved into Hartspring Cottages, a two-acre plot with stables and sheds as well as land. The dogs howled all night, wanting to go home to Luton— so did Maureen! Maureen had been given a fond send off from the congregation at Streatley church which she had attended but soon joined Aldenham Church where a new circle of friends grew. Before renovation work started Maureen had a lean to for a kitchen made of wood and glass. The kettle had to be plugged in under the stairs and one day she found a mouse was using the electricity cable to reach the sugar in the kitchen. They also had rats in the hen house as chickens were the first animals they had after the dogs and cats. But Belle the dog was very good at catching them. Shortly after they moved in it was the late Queen's Silver Jubilee and they were able to join in a local street party in Hilfield Lane. Most years holidays were taken in Cumbria with cousins who lived there.

Before they left Luton, Belle had been mated and in May a litter of puppies was born. In total Belle had three litters. A total of 35 puppies, none of them born in the same place. Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born. It takes two weeks for their markings to show. Maureen was advised to keep one of the puppies, Joey, who was assessed as having promise for the show ring. In the beginning Maureen's husband did the showing but further down the line it was Maureen.



After one holiday in Cumbria they were given a pet lamb. They then went on to acquire some Jacob sheep. The ram didn't like the field he was in and jumped the fence into the adjacent hotel grounds. After trying unsuccessfully to get him back they went to bed. When they awoke, he had returned to the field with the ewes.

Joey was nervous of men, and this was a problem as most judges at the dog shows at the time were men. After some thought Maureen took him to Watford shopping centre and asked random men if they would act like judges, so Joey got used to being touched. She got some funny looks from other shoppers. Subsequently Maureen drove all over the country showing Joey, winning many prizes and being placed second at Crufts. Ten years later in 1993 Joey's son Oliver won the same class at Crufts.

They also had guinea fowl as they are noisy and would warn them of foxes. One day the birds took flight and flew over the M1 landing in Hilfield Lane and Maureen had to drive round knocking on doors to find them.

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During this time building continued on the cottages and a much-needed bathroom was completed as the girls often came home very muddy from riding. Central heating eventually followed.

While in Cumbria in 1980 Maureen's husband had an accident involving a horse and lost his eye. During his convalescence they had visitors staying. The wife kindly offered to help. Maureen asked her to peel the potatoes. The poor woman couldn't find them and was then told she had to dig them up first!

After attending the funeral of their stepmother, Maureen and her sister were saying goodbye to their father when a bishop from Malawi joked and said that he bet their father wished he had daughters like them. He was told that their father not only had two daughters but also four granddaughters. Maureen's sister then found out that in the Foreign Office Who's Who they did not exist! Only his second marriage and son were recorded

Several years of dog shows and riding events followed but Maureen started suffering from depression. Having recovered she and her husband were divorced, although they remain on good terms. After 10 years at Hartspring Cottages the property was sold and Maureen and the girls moved to a house in Bushey. Maureen continued her riding and got her first full time permanent job at an advertising agency and then went to DK Engineering as a secretary. Her final job was at

Alexander Associates also as a secretary.

Just before April 1994 Maureen decided to move again and bought her present house in Garston. She has lived there for over 30 full and active years, continuing her interest in horse racing and eventing. She has enjoyed some wonderful holidays with friends and family. Maureen became a grandma for the first time in 2006 and joined St Lawrence Church in 2009 where she has many friends and enjoys a good social life.

She had a big 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at The Noke Hotel but is planning a quieter celebration for her 80<sup>th</sup> this year and is currently getting ready for a move to Abbots Langley.

*Brenda Southorn*

## **Breathing Space Schedule**

St Lawrence Church, 5pm

**April** - *no Breathing Space due to Easter*

**3rd May** - How can we find peace in a noisy world?

**7th June** - 'Are there limits to forgiveness?'

**5th July** - Can bad people make good leaders'

Relax, reflect, and join thoughtful discussions in a friendly setting.

Lovely refreshments will be provided.  
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## From the Vicar

What happened to the bad guys? asked the Beaver Scout.

I'd just been telling them the Easter story. And they were full of questions. Who made God? Were there no chocolate eggs at the last Supper? Where does the Easter Bunny fit into the story?

But then one popped up: what happened to the bad guys? The ones who killed Jesus. To Judas, and Caiaphas, and Pilate. It's a question which has stayed with me. Just as it stayed, in fact, with the first Christians who made up all sorts of stories about what happened to the bad guys.

Pilate, some said, was driven mad by his regret over the death of Jesus, and in the end took his own life. Others said he was executed, by an Emperor who thought the killing of Jesus a terrible crime. Either way, when they tried to throw his body away into the river Rhine, even the water itself rejected him. He was so evil, so cursed, that nature could not stand him and vomited him up.

Interestingly, there's another story, especially popular in the eastern Church, which goes quite differently. Yes, Pilate was tortured by guilt over Jesus: so much so that in the end he converted, and became a Christian. He even gave his life for Jesus, telling the Emperor to his face that there was now a new Lord. Pilate ended as a saint and martyr.



No such luck for Caiaphas and Judas. They, unlike Pilate, were Jews and Christians weren't interested in dreaming up happy endings for Jews. I won't detail the horrible, gruesome deaths, and fates beyond death, which Christians imagined for Judas and Caiaphas. Suffice it to say that what happened to the bad guys was *bad*. Cold and terrible, eternal vengeance.

This is a great example of the church getting something nearly, totally, 100% wrong. Of Christians quite failing to understand their own Gospel. Because Easter means that in reality, the answer to the question 'what happened to the bad guys?' is:

*Jesus happened. Jesus happened to the bad guys.*

Because what happened on Easter morning is that God took Jesus – the way he lived, the way he died, and everything about him, and said *Yes*. This is me. This how I am, this is how I work. From now on, when you think of me, think of Jesus. If you want to see me, look at Him. If you want to know me, know Him. I am in Him, and He is in me. He's what I look like, put into your world. He's me, to you.

And that means - for Caiaphas, for Pilate, for Judas and for each and every one of us – that means that in the end, it's Jesus that happens to us.

He happens when we die. If we haven't met him before then, we will.

And He will be to us then everything He was in the Gospels. He will be loving, and He will be fierce. He will bind up our wounds, and He will break our pride. He will take us as we are, and He will change us beyond our imagining.

He happens when we die, and He starts to happen now, if you will let Him. *He is alive.* He's not just waiting at the end of time: He is here *now*, waiting to love, to bind, to break, to change. Waiting to *happen* to us, in us. That's what we're part of the church for: this is where we think He happens. In baptism. In bread and wine. In living and learning and praying together.

What happens to the bad guys, asked the Beaver Scout. And when she's a bit older, she'll know that the bad guys are not just Judas and Caiaphas and Pilate, but all of us. All of us who have gone wrong, failed somehow, become trapped in little ways of selfishness and sadness, or just lost our hope and joy along the way. What happens to the bad guys? What happens to the broken ones, the tired ones, the lost ones?

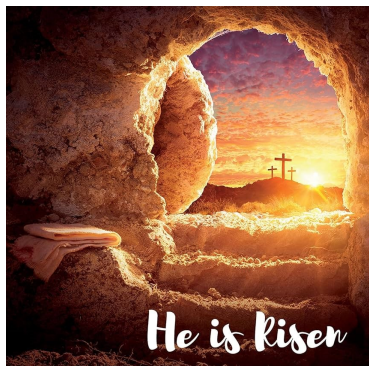
*Jesus happens.* The one who is awesomely powerful, awesomely gentle, the one who is perfect justice and perfect mercy, the one who will not hurt and humiliate and destroy, the one who gave himself for us all, the one who is tender and kind: Jesus happens. So there's good news for Pilate, and

Caiaphas, and Judas. Good news for you and for me. Not one of us now is defined by the worst thing we've done. Not one of us now lives in a world without mercy and hope. Not one of us must just be ourselves, trapped in our failures and misery. Not one of us is doomed, because *Jesus happens.* And our great Easter hope is that He will happen in every single human heart, in every dark and desperate place; in every broken and defeated life; in every body lying in the churchyard: *Jesus happens.*

So this Easter, if you've never asked before, ask Him. Ask Him to happen in your life. Ask Him to happen in the lives of those around you. I won't say that things will change instantly. Sometimes they do, often they don't. Change can take a long, long time to come. It might take more than your lifetime. But one day, if you go on asking him, you will be healed. You will be made new. You will be made life, and peace, and joy, because *Jesus happens.* That's the Gospel.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

*Peter*



## **Easter Services**

### **Sunday 29th March -**

Palm Sunday Service at Kitters Green 11.00am, followed by a service in St Lawrence Church at 11.30am

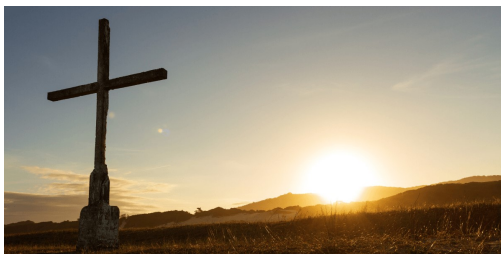


### **Thursday 2nd April 8.00pm -**

Maundy Thursday Service and Vigil until midnight  
St Lawrence Church

### **Friday 3rd April 10.00am -**

CTAL Walk of Witness,  
start at St Paul's Church,  
Langleybury



### **Friday 3rd April 2.00pm -**

An hour at the Cross,  
St Lawrence Church

### **Sunday 5th April 6.10am-**

Sunrise Service, Bedmond Playing  
Fields

### **Sunday 5th April 9.30am -**

Easter Sunday Service in St Lawrence Church

### **Sunday 5th April 11.30am**

Easter Sunday Service at Church of the  
Ascension, Bedmond

### **Monday 6th April 9.30am -**

Holy Communion in St Lawrence Church



### **Monday 6th April -**

Easter Monday pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey (see below).

## **Easter Monday walk to St Albans.**

We shall be walking to St Albans leaving the church hall car park at 11.00am. If you would like breakfast, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church before Maundy Thursday (2nd April). Breakfast will be at 10.00am following communion in St Lawrence at 9.30am. 1.00pm arrive at the Abbey - please feel free to join us at the Abbey even if you have not been able to walk with us. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy in the Abbey Orchard, before processing into the Abbey from 2.30pm, for the service which starts at 3.00pm. For those walking to St Albans from elsewhere in the area the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond will be open between 11.00am and 2.00pm for a refreshment break.

# Friends of St Lawrence



The next Friends Event is the Wine tasting evening on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Dalling & Co. of Kings Langley will provide the wine for us to taste and entertain us telling us all about it. The ticket price also includes cheese and pate platters. See the poster on page 19 for details of how to get your tickets. Then on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, as part of the Abbots Langley Festival, we will be offering guided tours of the church including a wedding dress display.

## TOURS OF ST LAWRENCE CHURCH AND EXHIBITION OF WEDDING DRESSES AND MARRIAGE REGISTERS

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**10AM – 4.30PM**  
**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**11.30AM – 4PM**

This is part of the Abbots Langley Festival



It may seem a little early to be advertising our tours of the St Lawrence Church and Exhibition for July when it isn't even spring yet, but please put these dates in your diaries. Our last Wedding Dress and Marriage Exhibition during ALF in 2024 was a

huge success as people came to view the wedding dresses on display and find their name in the marriage registers. Whilst viewing the display, a number of people said they would have liked to have their wedding dress on display. So, now is your chance!



**If you were married in St Lawrence Church and still have your wedding dress and would like it displayed at the exhibition, please contact us.**

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Family Planning	Garston Clinic (234525) Mon & Wed 6.00 – 8.00 pm
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Friends of St Lawrence	Wendy Meldrum (07710688633)
Friends of The Tin Church	Church Office: 01923 261795
Gardening Society	Jane Lay (447281)
Gilbert & Sullivan Society	Brenda Southorn 07933 144117
Hillside Residents Association	School Mead (261734)
Home Start (Helping Families Under Stress)	(248010)
Infant Welfare Clinic	St Saviour's Hall - Monday 1.30 to 3.00 pm (264639)
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Local History Society	Delva O'Reagan (267585)
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## Coffee for Care

**Monday 13th April 10am – 12 noon.**

The money we raise at our Monday coffee morning on 13th April will be donated to the 'Coffee for Care' campaign that is being run by The Hospice of St Francis. We would like to encourage you to come that day whether you are a regular and come every week or just want to pop in for the first time.

To fund the free services St Francis needs to raise over £6 million every year. Just 17% of their funding comes from the NHS. The Hospice cared for and supported 2,466 people in 2024/25. The Hospice has seen a 9% increase in new patient referrals since 2022/23. They offer care for people with a wide range of illnesses including cancer, motor neurone disease, dementia, heart disease, lung disease and neurological conditions. They support people with pain management, symptom control and rehabilitation on the Inpatient Unit and in the Community.

Do pop in on 13th April to have a coffee, if you are able to do so, and make a donation to this very worthwhile cause.



## Malawi Project

**QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

The quiz night was a great success with huge thanks to John as the quiz master and Sean as his assistant and many agreed it was one of the best they had attended! Thank you to Eileen and her team who produced a fabulous supper and to all who attended as we raised £1,140 for St Luke's Hospital, Secondary School and Community in Malosa, Malawi.

**OUR NEXT EVENT:-  
BACK TO BAILEY'S DISCO!!!  
60/70/80's Music and disco night.  
Time to relive your youth!!  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm – 10.30pm  
St Lawrence Church Hall**

We are holding another Music and Disco Night this time it is a... **BACK TO BAILEY'S DISCO** and this will include 60/70's and also 80's music, with dancing, "beat the intro game" and the opportunity to dress for the 60/70 or 80's. Come along, bring friends and family to enjoy the sounds of the 60's 70's and 80's and dance the night away! Tickets are £12.50pp to include **Chicken in the basket!!** BYO drinks. Contact Wendy Meldrum:- [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or the Church Office on 01923 261795



# A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open) For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

For more eco tips visit:  
[arocha.org.uk/wild-christian](http://arocha.org.uk/wild-christian)



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## QR Codes

If you would like to access the website for either St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension or for St Albans Cathedral, you can do so by scanning the QR codes below.

QR code for St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension



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## Bedmond Bells Women's Institute

It is lovely to see the daffodils and other blossoms coming out and the bloom of green in the hedgerows. Spring is definitely on the way.

We had a colourful evening at our March meeting when our speaker, an image consultant, explained to us about choosing which colours suited us and what to do to brighten our appearances. Some of our members bravely volunteered to be 'guinea pigs' to demonstrate the difference a bit of the right colour can do for us. The session ended with a light-hearted quiz, the results of which told us our style personality. It was an interesting and enjoyable evening.



At our April meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> we will renew our annual membership, and will be having a talk on Bletchley Park,

which I am sure will be very interesting.



On 23<sup>rd</sup> March we held another Community Café – more about this next month.

We are beginning to plan some outings during the summer months. Suggestions have included Hitchin Lavender Farm and Knebworth house among others.

We are looking forward to a busy and interesting year. Visitors are welcome to join us - for further information see our contact details below.

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Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, except August, in Bedmond Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Friends of St Lawrence**  
are hosting a  
**Wine Tasting Evening**  
presented by  
**Dallings**  
**of Kings Langley**  
at  
**St Lawrence Church**  
**Hall, Abbots Langley.**  
**7.30pm**

£25pp to include ..  
wine tasting and expert advice  
Cheese and Pate platters  
To seat tables of 8.  
Booking contact:  
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# Wine tasting

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL**



# St Lawrence Church

**SPRING MUSIC**

**2nd May 11.00am**

Parmiter's School Big Band  
and other Musicians  
Retiring collection



**9th May 11.00am**

Organ Recital  
Stephen Wilcox  
Retiring collection

**16th May 11.00am**

Southern/Stratton Family  
Retiring collection

**23rd May 11.00am**

The Cassio String Quartet  
(Vicky Iveson)  
Retiring Collection

**30th May 11.00am**

Choir Morning  
(Choir TBC)  
Retiring Collection

**CONCERTS**

Refreshments will be served from 10.30am  
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**Deadline for all content for May Outlook is Thursday 16th April**