

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

3rd September 2023

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Dennis Spooner
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Emma Stratton
- Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty
- 11.30am Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Linda Ball
- Readings:**
Exodus 3: 1 - 15 (P. 51)
Psalm 150 (P.595)
Matthew 16: 21 - end (P. 17)
- Hymns:**
250: All creatures of our God and King
(vv.1,3,5,7) CP 250
391: Blest are the pure in heart (Bedmond)
557: Praise to the Holiest
393: Brother, sister, let me serve you.
262: O Lord my God, when I in awesome
wonder
- 5.00pm** Breathing Space -
What is a good life?

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.

We continue to explore options for resuming our livestreaming service, following the withdrawal of our service provider till now. We hope to recommence in the near future.



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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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE NOTES

Following Peter's great declaration that Jesus is the Messiah, we find here in today's gospel reading Jesus strongly rebuking Peter. It seems that Peter is still expecting Jesus' kingdom to be like all others; marching, fighting and installing a new leader. But this is not how the Son of Man's kingdom is to be. His kingdom will turn the world upside down, not be a continuation of an old order under a different name. For us today, Jesus is already risen and exalted, but following him still requires us to think in an upside-down way.

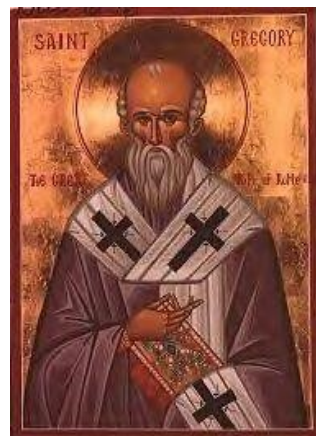
ANTHEM: 'Lead me Lord', S.S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Gregory the Great

3 September

Gregory was born in 540, the son of a Roman senator. As a young man he pursued a governmental career, and in 573 was made Prefect of the city of Rome. Following the death of his father, he resigned his office, sold his inheritance, and became a monk. In 579 he was sent by the Pope to Constantinople to be his representative to the Patriarch. He returned to Rome in 586, and was himself elected Pope in 590. At a time of political turmoil, Gregory proved an astute administrator and diplomat, securing peace with the Lombards. He initiated the mission to England, sending Augustine and forty monks from his own monastery to refound the English Church. His writings were pastorally oriented. His spirituality was animated by a dynamic of love and desire for God. Indeed, he is sometimes called the 'Doctor of desire'. For Gregory, desire was a metaphor for the journey into God. As Pope, he styled himself 'Servant of the servants of God' -- a title which typified both his personality and ministry. He died in 604.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For our parish schools as the new academic year commences
- For the Tiny Tots group, and those joining it for the first time
- For the parish of St. John's Watford
- For all who make music in our churches

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Sonia.

FOR THE DEPARTED

Marie Thomas; Anne Flanders; Lydia Cook; Sarah; Helen Bailey; Kenneth Sayell; Martin Telfer

NEXT SUNDAY

10th September 2023

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Second Sunday Service at St Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 12: 1 - 14 (P. 60)
Ezekiel 33: 7 - 11 (P. 815)
Romans 13: 8 - end (P. 158)
Matthew 18: 15 - 20 (P. 19)

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 4th September

Church office is closed

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 5th September

12.30pm Pastoral Committee Meeting

Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 6th September

10.00am Bedmond Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Friday 8th September

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspeare Room

Saturday 9th September

9.00am - 5.00pm Amanda Ramsay

Photography Exhibition

Breakspeare Room

11.00am Burial of Ashes of Stella Lambert

Garden of Remembrance

12.00pm Christening of Emma Morgan

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

'Bring and Sing': Saturday 30th September 2-5pm at St. Lawrence, followed by an informal concert (free, but ticketed) at 5.30pm. A chance for **everyone** to have some fun and give singing a go: all ages and range of experiences welcome. Contact Marianne Ryall (directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk) for more details.

The next Sunday lunch will now be held on **Sunday 24th September** at 12.30pm in the church hall.

The Tin Church (Church of the Ascension) will be holding its **Late Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd September from 1pm – 4pm** and we would be very grateful for donations of the following items: raffle and tombola prizes, interesting items of food and drink for a hamper. Please bring items to the Tin Church coffee morning between 10m – 12 noon

on Wednesday 6th September or leave with the Church Office. Many thanks for your support.

For **Bike n Hike Day on 9th September** Wendy Ball is collecting sponsorship to be in the Church of the Ascension from 9am to 5pm to welcome those participating. Half of the money raised will come to our parish and the other half to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. There are sponsorship forms at the back of both churches. Your support would be much appreciated.

TODAY: Friends of St Lawrence Open Garden at Pie Corner this afternoon from 2pm - 5pm. Come along and enjoy these wonderful gardens. Explore the woodlands, the sunken garden and the vegetable garden and then have a cup of tea and cake whilst listening to some beautiful live music. **PARKING AVAILABLE.** Price £5pp, children free and there is a special garden trail for the children.

TODAY: Breathing Space - 'What is a good Life?' Sunday 3rd September, 5.00pm in St Lawrence Church. All are very welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Coffee Morning at The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church) - Wednesday 6th September, 10.00am - 12.00pm. All are very welcome.

Bedmond Bells WI coffee morning Thursday 21st September, 10.00am - 12.00pm, Church of the Ascension. All are very welcome.

Sunday, 1st October: could you volunteer for two hours (maximum) to help marshal the annual Abbots Langley Tough Ten races. Without your help and support we cannot hold our 41st Race Day. Please apply to Bridget and John Brown: j_brown@btinternet.com. We have a Park Run for the children, 3k, 5k and 10k races. To enter, please visit toughtenevents@gmail.com.

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