

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

7th January 2024

EPIPHANY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Dennis Spooner
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Jenny Sanders
- Intercessions:** Revd. Helen Neville
- 11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of
the Ascension
- President:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Linda Ball
- Readings:**
Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 (P. 700)
(Psalm 72: (1-9) 10 - 15) (P. 545)
(Ephesians 3: 1 - 12) (P. 190)
Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (P. 903)
- Hymns:**
89: O Worship the Lord
91: We three Kings
88: How brightly shines the morning star
83: As with gladness
84: Brightest and Best

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 or via our website 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 Church
Hall after the
9.30am service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

‘FOOD FOR THOUGHT’

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. — Peter Chrysologus

‘let us not forget adoration, the prayer of adoration, which is not so common among us: to adore, in silence ... There, like the Magi, we will have the certitude that even in the darkest nights a star continues to shine.’ – Pope Francis

Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

12 January

Aelred was born at Hexham in 1109. His father was a priest and he entered the Cistercian Order at Rievaulx in about 1133, after spending some years in the court of King David of Scotland. He became Abbot of Revesby in 1143 and returned to Rievaulx four years later to become abbot and to spend the remainder of his life. He was profoundly influential through his spiritual writings, which he began at the request of Bernard of Clairvaux, the two having a similar approach to the spiritual life. Because of this, Aelred was often called "The Bernard of the North". He died on this day at Rievaulx in 1167.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish and church school of St. John's Watford, as they look for a new vicar
- For all for whom the New Year holds great challenges
- For the peace of the Holy Land and wider Middle East
- For our local schools as they begin the new term

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly; Jan Sanders; Greta Mowat;

FOR THE DEPARTED

John Swallow; Karin Cutting;

NEXT SUNDAY

14th January 2024

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10 (11 - 20) (P. 252)
Revelation 5: 1 - 10 (P. 245)
John 1: 43 - end (P. 89)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 8th January

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 9th January

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 10th January

11.00am Mothers' Union

Breakspear Room

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church

Methodist Church

8.00pm Choir practice

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 11th January

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 12th January

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear 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 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.

The date has changed for the Sunday Lunch in January, it will now be held on **Sunday 28th at 13.00pm** instead of the normal 3rd Sunday of the month .

A new service starting on 28th January: The Spark @ St Lawrence's. This service is for people of all ages, there will be activities for children and a space for adults to explore faith and a chance to meet new people. Held on the last Sunday of each month, starting at 3.30pm for drinks and snacks, with the service starting at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Please book your place for our ever popular Sing a Long in aid of the Malawi Project. Saturday 27th January, 6.30pm. This year it will be to the Sound of Music and promises to be a wonderful evening. There will be light refreshments available. It will be BYO drinks

and the cost is £6.50 per adult and £3.50 per child. So, dust off those vocal chords and don the Lederhosen for a fun evening's entertainment!! Contact: Wendymeldrum@gmail.com or Church Office on 01923 261795

The Bishop of St Albans will be opening his garden on four Sundays in February and March for people to come and look at the display of snowdrops. Those who came to visit in the summer will know that the garden is delightful, it also has an appeal to visitors in the spring as the snowdrops herald the end of winter. The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and only open to the public on selected Sundays in the spring and the summer. Spring opening days are 18 February, 25 February, 3 March and 10 March. Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. Footwear suitable for the time of year is advised. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS.

If you haven't yet paid your **2024 Outlook subscription** please pay by bank transfer using the following details:
Abbots Langley PCC - St Lawrence & Church of the Ascension RCN1130597
Sortcode: 30 99 21
Account no: 01540225
Ref: Outlook and your surname
If you are unable to pay using BACs but could drop the cash into the church office in an envelope marked with your name and the word OUTLOOK that would also help us. The cost is £6 or if you would like it posted further afield the cost is £15. Thank you.

Christingle Candles - please return your Christingle candles by Monday 15th January.

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