

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

7th September 2025

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Hilary Causer

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Alison Faulkner

Intercessions: Revd Peter Waddell

11.30am Eucharist at the Church of
the Ascension

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Barbara Johnson

Readings:
(Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11) (P. 731)
Deuteronomy 30: 15 – end (P. 193)
Luke 14: 25 – 33 (P. 74)

Hymns:
368: All my hope on God is Founded
474: Immortal invisible
516: Love divine, all loves excelling
127: When I survey (O waly waly)
538: O Jesus I have promised

5.00pm Breathing Space –
*How do you navigate your
moral compass in
today's society?*
at St Lawrence Church

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-



**Refreshments will
be served in the
Church Hall after
the 9.30am service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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:

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 1:



For the Lord knows the way, the way of the right - eous.

Response: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. **Response**
3. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither whatever they do it shall prosper.
4. As for the wicked it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **Response**
5. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **Response**

ANTHEM:

Take Up Your Cross *Ronald Corp*

‘Take up your cross,’ the saviour said, ‘if you want to follow me’.

I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out my wicked transgressions.

‘Take up your cross,’ the saviour said, ‘if you want to follow me’.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUNDAY

LUNCH: The next Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday 14th September at 1.00pm in the church hall.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all who are hungry
- For all victims of abuse
- For the bereaved
- For Bushey Parish

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Jane Anderson; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Rob Sheppard

FOR THE DEPARTED

Christian Jean-Paul Briançon; Charlie Proctor

NEXT SUNDAY

14th September 2025

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Second Sunday Service at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Numbers 21: 4 - 9 (P. 145)
Philippians 2: 6 - 11 (P. 194)
John 3: 13 - 17 (P. 90)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday
Helen is away from the parish on placement in Bradford until 23rd September.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am
Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 8th September

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 9th September

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

1.30pm Funeral of Christian Briançon
West Herts Crematorium

8.00pm Standing Committee
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 10th September

11.00am Mothers' Union
Breakspeare Room

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Bereavement Team Meeting
Breakspeare Room

Friday 12th September

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 13th September

Bike 'n' Hike
St Lawrence Church and the Church of the Ascension

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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk

As part of her training, Helen is away for the next three weeks on placement at a parish in Bradford. She returns from 23rd September.

Friends of St Lawrence: DON'T FORGET THE OPEN GARDEN TODAY at PIE CORNER in Bedmond. Come and visit these beautiful gardens and enjoy a cup of tea and cake listening to live music. Entrance £6 children free. **FREE CAR PARKING** available.

Cake and Praise - Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church, Watford. A warm invitation to all the churches in the deanery to come together for worship and friendship. All are welcome.

Gravetalk – Tuesday 23rd September, 7:30pm. Churches Together in Abbots Langley invite you to an informal, café-style evening at Elvira's (Henderson Hub), offering a relaxed and welcoming space to explore conversations around death, dying, and funerals. A chance to connect with others open to honest, thoughtful and even light-hearted conversations about death in a your

free place, email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

Talk on the "Bedmond Pioneers" by John Noonan & reminiscences of being a Pioneer by Annette Toms. **Friday 26th September at 7.30pm** in the Church of the Ascension. Learn about the Bedmond Pioneers and their efforts to raise funds and morale during WW2. **Tickets: £5 in advance from John Noonan on 07856 732672 or on the door (includes refreshments).** All proceeds to the Friends of the Tin Church.

WHERE IT ALL STARTED! G&S CONCERT OF SONGS. SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER. AT 6.30PM Come along to the Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Concert of songs in celebration of its 75th Anniversary with G&S singers past and present. Entrance free, retiring collection for Friends of St Lawrence and Abbots Langley G&S, venue... St Lawrence Church.

Visit to the Hospice of St Francis on 30th September 2pm. We have arranged for a small group of people to visit the Hospice of St Francis in Spring Garden Lane, Berkhamsted, on 30th September at 2pm. If you would be interested in joining the group there are four places still available. Please let Carol Higgs know before 18th September if you would like to go. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, Carol - 07791901750.

Friends and Faith returns on Thursday 25th September, with a six week course looking at the Creeds. Open to everyone who wants to make friends and explore the faith, and especially useful for anyone in being baptised or confirmed at the end of October. Speak to Peter to find out more...

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.***