

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

26th July 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Peter Waddell

Reader: Hilary Causer

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Peter Waddell

Readers: Brenda Southorn
Sandra Ludlow

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Peter Waddell

Reader: Frances Foulsham

Readings:
1 Kings 3.5–12 (P. 315)
Romans 8.26–end (P. 154)
Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52 (P. 14)

Hymns:
558 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation
474 Immortal, invisible
516 Love divine, all loves excelling
324 Sweet sacrament divine
530 Now thank we all our God

3.30pm The Spark Service
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-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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Psalm 119 vv129 - 136 Response



PSALM 119:

Response: Lead me O Lord in the path of your command.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

Response

131 I open my mouth and draw in my
breath, as I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your
name.

Response

133 Order my steps by your word, and let no
wickedness have dominion over me.

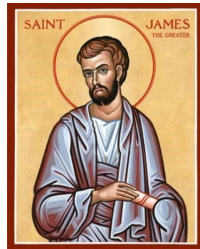
134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments.

Response

135 Show the light of your countenance
upon your servant and teach me your
statutes.

136 My eyes run down with streams of
water, because the wicked do not keep your
law.

Response



James the Apostle

25 July

James, often called 'the Great', was a Galilean fisherman who, with his

brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. The two brothers were with Jesus at his

Transfiguration and with him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on his left and the other on his right when he came into his glory and they were present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James' martyrdom is believed to have taken place in the year 44.

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
• The Parish of Christchurch and St Mark's, Watford • The Seekers • Our local foodbanks • Those affected by climate change FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Clive Moon; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings	Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i> <u>Monday 27th July</u> 10.00am Coffee Morning <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Tuesday 28th July</u>
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday 2nd August 2026 9th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)	<u>Wednesday 29th July</u> <u>Thursday 30th July</u> <u>Friday 31st July</u> 2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Saturday 1st August</u> 9.30am Churchyard Working Party <i>St Lawrence Churchyard</i>
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
Isaiah 55.1–5 (P. 696) Psalm 145.8–9, 15–end (P. 592) Romans 9.1–5 (P. 154) Matthew 14.13–21 (P. 15)	3.00pm Wedding of Holly Brown and Nathan Pooley <i>St Lawrence Church</i>
LYCHGATE APPEAL	
The Lychgate Appeal is well underway, and so far we have raised £10,960. Thank you to everyone for your support.	AVAILABILITY Peter is away until the 8th August.

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 and search for 'Abbots Langley and Bedmond'. Alternatively, please call 0333 002 1260. For any queries about giving to the parish, please

Please note that there will be no Wednesday Eucharist on 29th July or 5th August.

Patronal Festival St Lawrence 11am on the 9th August. Please note there is no 9.30am service at St Lawrence on that day and no 11am at Bedmond. We hope you can stay for the BBQ after the service. It is

important to sign the sheet at the back of St Lawrence or message Carol 07791 1901750 by the 5th August for catering purposes.

John Noonan's Country and Western Classics Concert on 3rd July for the Abbots Langley Festival was an enjoyable evening and a great success all round, raising **£892 for the Friends of the Tin Church**. £710 will be going towards the new shed needed at the Church of the Ascension and the remainder to support future projects. Many thanks to all who helped at and attended the event.

Save the Date: Parish Quiet Day will be on the 26th September between 10am-3.30pm. Peter and Lizzie will be leading a day on how to read the bible.

The Church Office will be closed from **25th July to 15th August**. During this period, emails and phone messages will be monitored, but responses may be delayed.

SAVE THE LYCHGATE



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

We are seeking to raise **£15,000** to preserve this cherished landmark for future generations.

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