

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

20th August 2023

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Morning Prayer at
St Lawrence Church

Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Nicolette Wolf

Reader: Laura Furlong

Intercessions: Wendy Meldrum

11.30am Morning Prayer at the
Church of the Ascension

Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings 8am and 11.30am:

Jonah 1 (P. 874)

Matthew 15: 10 - 28 (P. 16)

Readings 9.30am

(Genesis 45: 1 - 15) (P. 43)

Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 8 (P. 696)

(Romans 11: 1 - 2a, 29 - 32) (P. 156)

Matthew 15: (10 - 20) 21 - 28 (P. 16)

Hymns:

497: Let all the world in every corner sing

583: Teach me, my God and King

505: Lord Jesus Christ

581: Take my life and let it be

362: Tell out My Soul

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive communion in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are very welcome to receive a blessing. Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.



Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.thesundayservice.org). **Please note that the last broadcast from thesundayservice.org will be on 27th August 2023. We are exploring option for continuing to provide a livestreamed 9.30am service after this date: please watch this space.**

Welcome to all those taking part from home: if you would like an order of service to follow please contact the parish office. 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:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

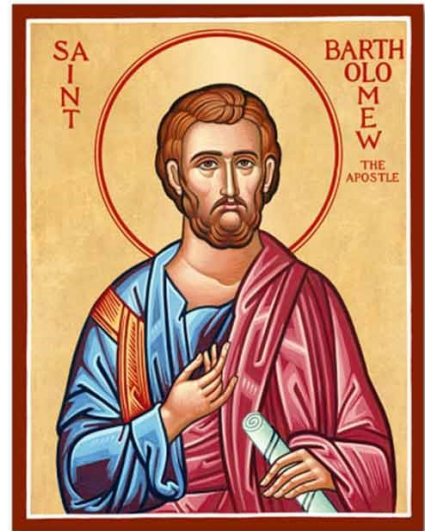
BIBLE NOTES

This strange story of the Canaanite woman can be challenging for us today, seeming to show Jesus as somewhat prejudiced towards gentiles. Yet, as the exchange continues it emerges that Jesus real priority is that all humanity should come to love God. Coming to the Israelite's first, who might be expected to recognise this latest revelation, is the strategy to achieve this ultimate aim. If we are concerned that the crumbs are what's left to us, we have only to look back in Matthew's gospel to the feeding of the 5000, and to the abundance Jesus can bring.

Bartholomew the Apostle

24 August

It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not a certainty. The gospels speak of Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus and calling him an Israelite worthy of the name. He is also present beside the Sea of Galilee at the resurrection. Although he seems initially a somewhat cynical man, he recognises Jesus for who he is and proclaims him as Son of God and King of Israel.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all those receiving exam results.
- For the church's ministry with the poorest and most vulnerable.
- For those who persecute and oppress.
- For the parish of Christ Church and St Mark's.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville; Sandra McIntosh; Martin Greeves: Sonia.

FOR THE DEPARTED

Rosemary Tucker; Terry Barry; Robert Lyon; Michael White; Marie Thomas; Anne Flanders

NEXT SUNDAY

27th August 2023

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
5.00pm Taizé Service

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 1: 8, 2: 10 (P. 50)
Isaiah 51: 1 - 6 (P.691)
Romans 12: 1 - 8 (P. 157)
Matthew 16: 13 - 20 (P. 17)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave until Sunday 27th August
Helen is on annual leave Monday to Saturday.

THE COMING WEEK

There will be no Morning Prayer this week

Monday 21st August

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 23rd August

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Please note there is no 12.00 noon communion as Peter is on leave

Friday 25th August

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.

We are delighted to welcome The Revd. Nicolette Wolf, curate at Mill End, Heronsgate and Hyde in Rickmansworth, who will be the president and preacher at the 9.30am service this morning.

Please note there will be **no Wednesday 12.00pm communion** this week.

Autumn Fest 16th September 11.00am - 4pm. We are still looking for some help to represent our two churches at Autumn Fest. If you are able to help please let Carol know.

There will be **NO Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning in August**.

'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 Tin Church 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.

Friends of St Lawrence Open Garden at Pie Corner Sunday 3rd September 2 - 5pm. Come along and enjoy these wonderful gardens, have a cup of tea, cake and creamed scone whilst listening to live music. There will be a children's trail too. Parking available. £5pp. Children free.

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