

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

24th August 2025

BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Joan Sutton

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Roland Maxted

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am Eucharist at the Church
of the Ascension

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Pam Rastall

Readings:
1 Corinthians 4: 9 - 15 (P.164)
(Acts 5: 12 - 16) (P. 119)
Luke 22: 24 - 30 (P. 83)

Hymns:
543: O praise ye the Lord
418: Father, Lord of all creation
393: Brother, sister, let me serve you
432: From heaven you came, helpless babe
267: Thou whose Almighty Word

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at St
Lawrence Church

*Helen is taking the 10.00am service at
All Saints Church, South Oxhey.*

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, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

I have often quoted the words of the seventeenth century saint Francis De Sales, given to a lady who was asking his advice about spiritual direction. He said, "I'll start giving you spiritual direction when you have begun to walk more slowly, talk more slowly, and eat more slowly." Our stillness has a great deal to do with being aware of our behaviour in all these matters. Am I giving out the impression of always being utterly driven, compelled in all I do, in such a way that I cannot stop and listen? (Rowan Williams, *Being Disciples*, p.80)

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.



CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUNDAY

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

Afternoon Teas – Malawi Project.

Thank you to all who supported our Afternoon Teas event that raised funds for the Malawi Project. It was by all accounts a very enjoyable afternoon. So far the event has increased Malawi funds by an amazing £1,320. Thank you all so much

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Bishops Jane and Richard
- For all who work in the media
- For those who work is dangerous
- For All Saints Church, Leavesden

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

NEXT SUNDAY

31st August 2025

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension
- 3.30pm The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13 (P. 709)
Hebrews 13: 1 - 8. 15 - 16 (P. 224)
Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14 (P. 74)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and on annual leave Tuesday - Thursday.
Helen is off on Monday and Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

The church office is closed Monday, Tuesday and Friday this week.

Monday 25th August

No Coffee Morning today

Wednesday 27th August

12.00pm Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

Friday 28th August

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 29th August

11.00am Christening of
Theodore Popplewell
St Lawrence Church

BREATHING SPACE:

Here are the dates and topics for **Breathing Space** up until February 2026 (held in St Lawrence Church at 5.00pm):
7th September: How do you navigate your moral compass in today's society?
5th October: Is feminism still necessary?
2nd November: Does religion cause wars?
7th December: Should Christmas be banned?
(No Breathing Space in January)
February - How can the Church survive?

Come along to relax, reflect, and enjoy meaningful discussions in a welcoming setting. Refreshments will be served. All are warmly welcome.

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

Open Garden at Pie Corner, Bedmond Sunday 7th September 2pm – 5pm.

Step back in time with a V80-themed afternoon in a beautiful garden setting. Explore: a stunning sunken garden, children's trail, wooded areas and a flourishing vegetable garden. Enjoy tea, coffee, and homemade cakes in a relaxed countryside atmosphere. Entry: £6.00; Children FREE Parking available. Come along and enjoy a nostalgic afternoon for the whole family! (If anyone is able to make a cake for the occasion we would be very grateful. Contact Wendy Meldrum.)

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 supportive space. Refreshments provided. To book your free place, email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

The Watford Band presents 'Music Through The Ages' - Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Adults £10 / Children FREE. Refreshments and a raffle. Tickets on the door or in advance via: www.ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband or contact: 07796 175838.

Friends of St Lawrence and Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society present 'Where it all began' Celebrate the founding of the Abbots Langley G&S Society with songs from principals past and present. Saturday 27th September at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. FREE admission: donations to FOSL and ALGSS.

The Foodbank are in desperate need of cans of pulses, such as chickpeas and kidney beans. If you are able to donate these items, please leave them at the back of the church. Thank you.

As part of the programme of V80 events, **The Friends of the Tin Church** are hosting a **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.

Following the Quinquennial Inspection, parts of the French drain were found to be blocked with debris. Essential work will be carried out to help prevent damp. See notice in porch for details.

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.***