

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

13th April 2025  
**PALM SUNDAY**



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** David Staines

**11.00am** Service at Kitters Green

**11.30am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church

**President &  
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Emma Stratton

**Intercessions:** Sally Sanderson

### Readings:

(Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a) (P. 691)  
Philippians 2: 5 - 11 (P. 194)  
Luke 19:29-44 (P. 79)

### Hymns:

128: All glory, laud and honour  
129: Ride on, Ride on In Majesty  
557: Praise to the Holiest  
322: Soul of My Saviour  
442: God is Love

**5.00pm** Choral Evensong

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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!



**Unfortunately,  
there will be no  
refreshments after  
the 11.30am  
service today.**



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

'Just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to life and justification for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, by the one man's obedience, the many will be made righteous.' (Romans 5:18-19).

## Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury

19 April

Alphege became a monk at Deerhurst near Gloucester and withdrew in later life to be a hermit in Somerset. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dunstan, drew him back to be Abbot of Bath and, in 984, Bishop of Winchester. In 1005 he was made Archbishop of Canterbury, where his austere life and lavish almsgiving made him a revered and much-loved man. In the year 1011, the Danes overran south-east England, taking Alphege prisoner. They put the enormous ransom of £3000 on his head, but Alphege refused to pay it and forbade anyone from doing so, knowing that it would impoverish the ordinary people even more. He was brutally murdered by his captors at Greenwich on this day in the year 1012.



### Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM

This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 8.00pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. At this meeting we elect our churchwardens and new members of the PCC. If you are interested in becoming a Churchwarden, joining the PCC or one of the committees then speak to Peter, Helen or Tom.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the whole Church during Holy Week
- For the dying, and for the bereaved
- For those caught in economic uncertainty
- For all imprisoned, tortured, and executed.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Olive Reeder; Laya Watters;

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Wendy Westoby; Anthony Neville; Hilary Martin; Angela Powley

## NEXT SUNDAY

**20th April 2025**

### Easter Day

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

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:34 - 43 (P. 126)  
1 Corinthians 15: 19 - 26 (P. 173)  
John 20: 1 - 18 (P. 111)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.  
Helen is on compassionate leave throughout Holy Week, following the death of her father.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 14th April

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

*No Bell Ringing practice during Holy Week*

### Wednesday 16th April

12.00pm Eucharist  
*Corpus Christi Chapel*

8.00pm Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Thursday 17th April

*Church Office is closed*

8.00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

Silent Vigil till Midnight  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Friday 18th April

*Church Office is closed*

10.00am Walk of Witness  
*St Paul's Church, Langleybury*

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross  
*St Lawrence Church*

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](http://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](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**This year we need to prepare a new electoral roll.** Being a member of the electoral roll of a parish entitles a person to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), to elect members of the PCC and Deanery Synods. It is the nearest thing a parish church has to a 'membership list'. If you want to be part of it, please complete the form at the back of the church and return it to the church office by **Friday 25th April 2025**.

**If you would like breakfast on Easter Monday**, please sign the form at the back of Church before Wednesday 16th April. The cost is £3.50 per person.

**Sponsor an Easter Lily** - Please let the church office know if you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation £5.00

**May Concerts.** Brenda and Carol are in need of some help at the May concerts which are happening on the 5 Saturdays in May. Please do come to the concerts - they are always a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Refreshments served from 10.30am. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can help by being on the door or bringing a cake or serving the refreshments.

**Friends of St Lawrence: Puzzle and Toy Fair: Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June 10 – 2pm.** Please remember to keep any jigsaw puzzles (adults and children), games and toys for our Fair in June and remember to put the date in your diary and come along.

**Malawi Project: 60s & 70s Night! Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm.** Come along and enjoy an amazing evening of music from the 60s and 70s including a quiz, dancing and a 60s/70s styled buffet. They'll be spot prizes and best dressed prizes to add to the fun. Tickets £10pp. Contact: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com) or Church Office 01923 261795

There's a long tradition of people wearing **Easter bonnets** to church on Easter Day: if you'd like to, feel free, but there is no pressure at all to do so!

**Christian Aid Week 11th - 17th May** - if you would like to help with the collection in Kings Langley please contact Peter Jowsey: [peterjowsey4@gmail.com](mailto:peterjowsey4@gmail.com) or 07837 400480.

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