

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

23rd November 2025

CHRIST THE KING



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
Sally Sanderson

Reader: Julia Day

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President: Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell
Sally Sanderson

Reader: Pam Rastall

Readings:

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 (P. 736)
Colossians 1: 11 - 20 (P. 197) (8am)
Luke 23: 33 - 43 (P. 85)

Hymns:

166: Crown him with many crowns
172: The head that once was crowned with thorns
525: Name of all majesty
324: Sweet sacrament divine
398: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer 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 hall after the 9.30am service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

PSALM 46:

Response: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

Response:

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Response:

Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

‘Be still and know that I am God; I will be

exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.’

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Response:

ANTHEM:

What wondrous love is this

Trad. Arr. Geoff Weaver

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul

To lay aside his crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing

While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be

And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For All Saints South Oxhey with Carpenders Park
- For Watford New Hope
- For the PCC
- For the people of Ukraine

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis; Mike White

FOR THE DEPARTED

NEXT SUNDAY

30th November 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- 3.30pm The Spark Service at **St Lawrence Church Hall**
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 (P. 641)
Romans 13: 11 - end (P. 158)
Matthew 24: 36 - 44 (P. 26)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.
Helen is on annual leave 23rd - 25th and on a retreat 26th - 28th November.

THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday 24th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 25th November

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

8.00pm PCC Meeting
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 26th November

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

6.30pm Junior Choir rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Bereavement Visitors Meeting
Breakspeare Room

Thursday 27th November

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 28th November

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 29th November

10am - 1pm Christmas Coffee Morning
St Lawrence Church Hall

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

After nearly thirty years service as a Lay Reader, Sally Sanderson is stepping down from her role. She will preach for the last time TODAY at St. Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas Coffee Morning: November 29th 10am - 1pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. It's that time of the year again! Please come along and enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties as well as a cup of coffee and cake! Buy those last minute Christmas presents and cards and have a very enjoyable and sociable morning!

The Spark Service on Sunday 30th November **will be held in the church hall.**

A warm and joyful Advent Carol Service will be held on **Sunday, 30th November at 6:30pm in St Lawrence Church.** Come and enjoy beautiful music, meaningful readings, and the peaceful start of the Advent season. All are welcome.

The **Christmas Light Switch On** takes place on **Thursday 4th December at 6pm in St Lawrence Churchyard.** Come and enjoy the festive atmosphere as we light up the season - **hot chocolate will be served!**

The **Watford Band** are back on **Saturday 6th December at 7:30pm in St Lawrence Church**, featuring their development band *Brass Beats*. Tickets: Adults £10, Children FREE. Available on the door or in advance via Ticketsource: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband> or by calling 07796 175838.

The **Kings Langley Community Choir** will perform a concert in St Lawrence Church on **Friday 12th December at 7pm.** Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to enjoy an evening of wonderful music!

Children's Christmas Workshop Saturday 13th December 2pm – 4pm in St Lawrence Church Bring your little elves! Children and their parents/carers are invited to enjoy some festive crafts, hear the Christmas story, and treat themselves to some lovely refreshments. Please let the church office know if you'll be joining the fun: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.**