

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

29th October 2023

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Dennis Spooner
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Carol Higgs
- Intercessions:** Tom Betteridge
- 11.30am** Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Janette Noonan
- Readings:**
Nehemiah 8.1-4a, [5-6] 8-12 (P. 449)
(Colossians 3:12-17) (P. 198)
Matthew 24:30-35 (P. 26)
- Hymns:**
450: God, we praise you, God, we bless you
538: O Jesus I have promised
500: Lift up your hearts
308: Just as I am
563: Rejoice! The Lord is King
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service

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.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. 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 Church Hall after the 9.30am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 PRAYER:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

BIBLE NOTES:

In today's gospel passage, Jesus is talking about the 'end of the age', and the signs which will signal it's coming. Reading this passage today, it's tempting to see the 'end of the age' as a future apocalyptic event, and many Christians do. But Jesus is most likely talking about the coming destruction of the Jerusalem temple (in 70AD), and subsequent end of the temple cult, a disaster which he's predicted elsewhere. 'The Son of Man coming on the clouds,' is not 'the second coming,' but a reference to Daniel 7:13, where it is an upward movement (i.e., earth to heaven), and therefore likely a reference to Jesus coming resurrection and ascension.

James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa

29 October

James Hannington was born in 1847 of a Congregationalist family but he became an Anglican before going up to Oxford. He was ordained and, after serving a curacy for five years, went with the Church Missionary Society to Uganda. He was consecrated bishop for that part of Africa in 1884 and a year later began a safari inland from Mombasa, together with other European and indigenous Christians. The King of the Buganda, Mwanga, who despised Christians because they refused to condone his moral turpitude, seized the whole party, tortured them for several days and then had them butchered to death on this day in 1885.



ANTHEM:

Set me as a seal upon your heart

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart
As a seal upon your arm
For love is strong as death

Many waters cannot quench love
Neither can the floods drown it

For love is strong as death

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Israel and Gaza, and conflict zones around the world
- For all victims of terrorism and war
- For making new disciples: for courage to speak our faith
- For the churches of other denominations in Abbots Langley.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Doreen Wilson;
Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly; Jan Sanders;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Diana Wernham; Grace Lilian Hickling;
Frances Kirkpatrick ;

NEXT SUNDAY

5th November 2023

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Revelation 7: 9 - end (P. 247)
Matthew 5: 1 - 12 (P. 4)
(1 John 3: 1 - 3) (P. 237)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.

Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 30th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 1st November

10.00am Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 2nd November

10.00am All Souls Day Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

11.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

12.30pm Bible Group -

Women in the Old Testament

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 3rd November

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Chat

Breakspear Room

Saturday 4th November

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

Burial of Ashes Josie Toms

Garden of Remembrance

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.paritygiving.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.

The Malawi Project Gourmet Dinner with Entertainment - Saturday 18th November 2023 doors open at 7.00pm. £18.50 per person. Table of 6 or join another table. 100% of money raised will go to Malawi Projects. Tickets available from Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or David Adams: david.adams31@ntlworld.com

Christian Aid Fundraising Meal at Abbots Tandoori. Monday 6th November at 7.00pm. £20.00 per person. Tickets available from Peter Jowsey: 01923 268552 or book online at: <https://tinyurl.com/klmeal>

Coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension - Wednesday 1st November 10.00am - 12.00pm. All are very welcome.

Women of the Old Testament. This new group continues to meet, Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!) in the Breakspear Room. Contact Helen for more info and pre-reading!

Friends of St Lawrence Quiz - we are delighted to announce that the Friends Quiz night raised £1,163. A magnificent total. Thank you to all that worked hard to put this on and those who attended and gave so generously.

We are looking for two extra helpers to help at Sunday coffee after the 9.30am service. This would be roughly every 6 weeks. If you are able to help please contact the Church Office: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk or 01923 261795. Thank you.

There will be no 11.30am service at Bedmond on 12th November due to the Remembrance Service in St Lawrence Church. There will however, be a Remembrance Service at Bedmond at 3.00pm on 12th November.

No refreshments will be served after the 9.30am Second Sunday service on 12th November due to the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50am.

Seniors Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 13th December 2023, 1pm @ St Saviours Parish Centre. Bookings should be sent to St Saviours Parish Office by Wednesday 15th November. There is no set ticket price, but donations are accepted on the day for the food.

All Souls Day - Thursday 2nd November. There will be a Eucharist at 10.00am in the Corpus Christi Chapel. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one called out, please contact the Church Office by Wednesday 1st November.

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