

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th February 2026

THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Laura Furlong

Intercessions: Roland Maxted

11.30am Eucharist at The Tin Church

President & Preacher: Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Ann Bolitho-Jones

Readings:

Exodus 24: 12 - end (P. 72)
(2 Peter 1: 16 - end) (P. 234)
Matthew 17: 1 - 9 (P. 17)

Hymns:

368: All my hope on God is founded
474: Immortal, invisible
500: Lift up your hearts
324: Sweet Sacrament Divine
437: Go forth and tell

5.00pm Taizé Service at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group in the Breakspear Room

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-aid users.



Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM: 99



The Lord our God is Ho - - - ly.

Response: The Lord our God is Holy.

1. The Lord is King: let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.
2. The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.
3. Let them praise Your name which is great and awesome; the Lord our God is holy.

Response:

4. Mighty King who loves justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
5. Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before His footstool for He is holy.

Response:

6. Moses and Aaron among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name; they called upon the Lord and He answered them.
7. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept His testimonies and the law that He gave them.

Response:

8. You answered them O Lord our God; You were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.
9. Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon His holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

Response:

ANTHEM:

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddess grace :
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above :
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

Now is the time to return your Palm Crosses

from last year so that we can use them to make the ash for our Ash Wednesday service at 8pm on 18th February.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of St Luke's, Watford
- For those exploring faith
- For our local hospices
- For the courts and criminal justice system

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Janet Boundy, Ann Staines; Clive Moon

FOR THE DEPARTED

Frank Wadl; Eve Durtnall; Libby Davis; Tony Smith; Ted Rimell; Peter Slade

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

(There will be no service at Bedmond today due to Helen's last Eucharist at St Lawrence Church)

3.30pm The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

(Genesis 2: 18 - 25) (P. 2)
Ephesians 5: 21 - 32 (P. 192)
John 13: 1 - 17 (P. 104)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave
Sunday - Tuesday
Helen is off on Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Church Office is closed Monday - Friday

Monday 16th February

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 17th February

3.00pm CTAL Pancake Party

Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday

12.00pm Eucharist with Ashing

St. Lawrence Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 19th February

1.00pm Lent Course

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Lent Course

Breakspear Room

Friday 20th February

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

The Breakspear Room

Please see link below for the online notice for the funeral of Tony Smith:

<https://tinyurl.com/9ahkptef>

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 or scan the QR code. 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

Helen's final Sunday in the parish will be next Sunday, 22nd February. There will be a celebration to mark the end of her curacy after the 9.30am service that morning. **There will be no Bedmond service that week.** If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Helen, donations can be made: by bank transfer (payment reference: HN), or by cash, in an envelope to the office. Helen's licensing as Vicar of Bricket Wood will take place at **7.30pm on Monday 23rd March.** Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

Lent Course - The Eucharist: What's it all about? Starting Thursday 19th February at either 1pm - 2.30pm or 8pm - 9.30pm in the Breakspear Room. For more information speak to Peter or email vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk

Baptisms and Confirmations - Would you like to be baptised or confirmed? This is happening in St Albans Cathedral, at the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Saturday 4th April. We're hoping to bring

several candidates. Please speak to Peter ASAP if interested!

The funeral of Eve Durtnall will be on Thursday 26th February at 10.30am in St Lawrence Church.

Junior Choir Jumpers! Anyone who has previously had a child in the junior choir (however long ago!) please can you have a look to see if you have any old jumpers at home as we are running very low. Please hand them to Marianne or the church office.

CTAL Pancake Party - Tuesday 17th February 3pm - 5.00pm in the Methodist Church. All are welcome to come along and enjoy some delicious pancakes!

MALAWI QUIZ NIGHT: SAT MARCH 7TH CHURCH HALL 7PM: Come and join in the fun. £15pp includes a two course supper. BYO drinks. Tables of 8, make up your own table or join one on the night. Please contact Wendy Meldrum at wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church office: 01923 261793

Patricia Hill's daughter Jane, is being cared for by Camphill Village Trust and they have been nominated for a 'Disability Provider of the year' award. If you would like to vote for them please visit: **Vote for Disability Service Provider of the Year | My Local Awards**

Ash Wednesday services - 18th February - 12pm and 8pm in St Lawrence Church. All are warmly welcome.

Friends' La Banq Dinner - Many thanks to all who supported the Friends' fundraising dinner at La Banq. The event raised just over £700 for the Friends of our church which will help with the maintenance and enhancement of our church building.

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