

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

13th September 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

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11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:

Genesis 50.15–21 (P. 49)

Psalms 103.1–13 (P. 565)

Romans 14.1–12 (P. 158)

Matthew 18.21–35 (P. 19)

Hymns at Bedmond:

369: All people that on earth do dwell

474: Immortal invisible

507: Lord of all hopefulness

604: Through all the Changing Scenes

5.00pm Choral Evensong
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-aid users.



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



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

TIME AND TALENTS:

THANK YOU to all the huge number of volunteers who make our churches such lively places to be—whether it's up front or behind the scenes, everyone's contribution matters hugely.

Is there something you'd like to get involved with? Something you might want to lay down for a while? Something we're not doing that we really should, and you could? Let us know!

Please pick up and complete one of our 'Time and Talents' leaflets, and leave it in the wooden ballot box by the door (or pop it into the Parish Office). It'd be great to have them all back in by **Sunday 4th October**.

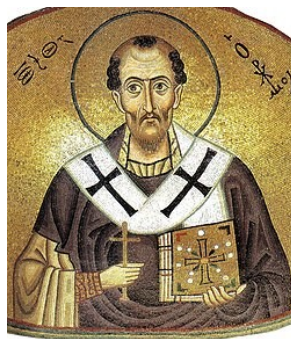
BISHOP ANDREW:

Please say a prayer this week for the Rt. Revd. Andrew Rumsey, who will be installed as the 11th Bishop of St Albans at **2pm on Saturday 19th September**.

The churchwardens and the vicar will be attending the service, which is also being livestreamed—you can watch it on YouTube: search for St. Albans Cathedral's channel. Hopefully we'll be welcoming our new Bishop to Abbots Langley before too long!

POST COMMUNION:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople

13 September

John was born in Antioch in about 347. He was a brilliant preacher which earned him in the sixth century the surname 'Chrysostom', literally 'golden-mouthed'. He is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Church. Against his wish he was made Patriarch of Constantinople in 398. He set about reforming the Church and exposing corruption amongst the clergy and in the Imperial administration. "Mules bear fortunes and Christ dies of hunger at your gate," he is alleged to have cried out. He fell foul of the Empress Eudoxia and, in spite of the support of Pope Innocent I of Rome, was sent into exile twice, finally dying of exhaustion and starvation in September 407, with the words "Glory be to God for everything" on his lips.

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
- The parish of St Peter’s Bushey Heath - Andrew Rumsey, new Bishop of St Albans - Breakspeare School - Peace between nations FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings FOR THE DEPARTED Gordon Tonner	Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i> <u>Monday 14th September</u> 10.00am Coffee Morning <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Tuesday 15th September</u> 10.30am Tiny Tots <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Wednesday 16th September</u> 12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 8.00pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Thursday 17th September</u> 8.00pm Friends and Faith Group <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Friday 18th September</u> 10.00am Funeral of Gordon Tonner <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 10.00am Tin Church Craft Group <i>The Tin Church</i> 2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Saturday 19th September</u> 11.30am Christening of Evan Dorsett-Wright <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 7.00pm Malawi Project’s Stratosfrere Concert <i>St Lawrence Church</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday 20th September 2026 16th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church 5.00pm Taize Service at St Lawrence 6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at St Lawrence Church Hall	
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
Jonah 3.10–4.11 (P. 876) Psalm 145.1–8 (P. 592) Philippians 1.21–30 (P. 194) Matthew 20.1–16 (P. 20)	
AVAILABILITY	
Peter is off on Monday. Church office will be closed to the public on Tuesdays during September.	

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

Alpha Course: A brilliant chance to explore the Christian faith—everyone and every question welcome! Every Thursday 12–1.30pm and 8–9.30pm. From 24th September–26th November at St. Lawrence Church. Contact Peter for more information.

Supporting Children & Young People through Bereavement facilitated by Diana Joy, Children & Young Person's Lead, Hospice of St Francis, on **Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm** at Elvira's, Henderson Hub organised by CTAL

Bereavement Team. To book a free place email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com.

Are you interested in being baptised or confirmed this Autumn? There'll be a service in the Abbey on Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm: we're hoping to take several candidates. Please speak to Peter ASAP if you'd like to be one of them!

This year's **Parish Quiet Day** will be on the 26th September, 10am–3.30pm at Christ Church Chorleywood. Peter and Lizzie will be leading a day on how to read the Bible.

Harvest Lunch: There is no service at Bedmond and no 9.30am service at St Lawrence on **11th October**. If you would like to join us for Harvest Lunch on 11th October after the 11am service please sign the sheet at the back of St Lawrence before 8th October.

Stratosfrere Concert in aid of the Malawi Project—Saturday 19th September in St. Lawrence at 7pm. A local band who write their own songs and play hits from the 70s.

A container for **Malawi** leaves at the end of September: please see *Outlook* required items.



SAVE THE LYCHGATE

Our historic lychgate has stood at the entrance to St Lawrence Church for over 120 years and now needs essential restoration.

Please support our appeal—every donation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN USING THE QR CODE OR THE DONATE PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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