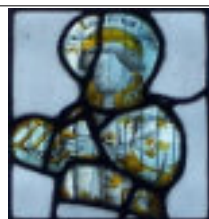


THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY
 St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley
 with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
25th October 2026
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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

Readers: Kathryn Sanders
Carol Higgs

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:
 Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18 (P. 143)
 1 Thessalonians 2.1–8 (P. 200)
 Matthew 22.34–end (P. 24)

Hymns:
 585 The Church's One Foundation
 589 The King of Love
 474 Immortal, Invisible
 308 Just as I am
 538 O Jesus I have Promised

3.30pm The Spark Service
 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:

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.

ANTHEM:

Faith, Hope and Love

Pachelbel arr. Ogden

Faith, hope and love, let these remain among you.

Faith, hope and love, the greatest of these is love, is love.

The love of Christ has gathered us together let us rejoice and be glad in him,
Let us fear and love the living God
and love each other from the depths of our heart.

When we are together
we should not be divided in mind
let there be an end to bitterness and quarrels
And in our midst be Christ our God.

In company with the blessed,
may we see your face in glory,
Pure and unbounded joy for ever and ever

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Faith, hope and love, let these remain among you.

Faith, hope and love, the greatest of these is love, is love.

Amen

POST COMMUNION:

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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

'I only pray when I am in trouble. But I am in trouble all the time, and so I pray all the time.' (Isaac Bashevia)

'I have often quoted the words of the seventeenth century saint Francis De Sales, given to a lady who was asking his advice about spiritual direction. He said, "I'll start giving you spiritual direction when you have begun to walk more slowly, talk more slowly, and eat more slowly." Our stillness has a great deal to do with being aware of our behaviour in all these matters. Am I giving out the impression of always being utterly driven, compelled in all I do, in such a way that I cannot stop and listen?' (Rowan Williams)



**Crispin & Crispinian,
Martyrs at Rome
25th October**

Crispin and Crispinian were shoemakers and lived in the third century. They are reputed to have preached the Christian faith in Gaul whilst exercising their trade and so, like St Paul earning his living as a tent-maker, were no drain on the Christian community. They were put to death for their faith at the beginning of the Diocletian persecution and died in about the year 287 in Rome.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- The parish of Christchurch and St Mark's, Watford
- The Seekers
- Our local foodbanks
- Those affected by climate change

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Jenny Perman

FOR THE DEPARTED

Mike Burns; Elizabeth Pazzi-Axworthy,

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints' Day

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church

3.00pm CTAL Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for the Bereaved at St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group at St Lawrence Church Hall

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Revelation 7.9–end (P. 247)

Psalm 34.1–10 (P. 519)

1 John 3.1–3 (P. 237)

Matthew 5.1–12 (P. 4)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off all this week.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday–Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 26th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 28th October

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Friday 30th October

10.00am Tin Church Craft Group

The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

During the week of the 26th October, the Church Office will be open:

Tuesday and Friday: 10am–1pm

Thursday: 9am–11am

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.

It was wonderful to bring several candidates to the Cathedral to be confirmed and/or christened yesterday evening. Warmest congratulations to Mary Spires, Joe Halford, and Tim Grosvenor, Stephen Chiles, Thomas Shephard, and Sabrina Grosvenor.

Starting today, on the last Sunday of every month during the 9.30am service, **Bible Story Time** for young children in the Break-spear Room.

There will be a **CTAL Service for Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the Bereaved** on Sunday 1st November at 3pm in St Lawrence Church. Refreshments will be provided after the service. Please contact Pam if you are able to help or bake a cake: pamrastall@live.co.uk. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Christian Aid are hosting a fundraising dinner at La Banq on Monday 9th November at 7pm. A 2-course meal for £23. <https://tinyurl.com/banq26> or contact Peter Jowsey on 07837 400480.

Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers Union **Christmas Coffee Morning.** Saturday November 28th 10-1pm. Do come along and enjoy our famous hot bacon and sausage butties and a cup of coffee and homemade cake...and buy some Christmas presents. If you are able to make a cake for the event please contact Wendy Meldrum wendymeldrum@gmail.com.

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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Weekdays (Closed Wednesdays)

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