

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

**23rd August 2026**

**TWELFTH 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:** Joe Halford  
Anthony Batchelor

**Intercessions:** Tom Betteridge

**11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

**President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

**Reader:** Pam Rastall

### Readings:

Isaiah 51.1-6 (P. 691)

Psalms 138 (P. 588)

Romans 12.1-8 (P. 157)

Matthew 16.13-20 (P. 17)

### Hymns:

380 At the name of Jesus, every knee  
shall bow  
391 Blest are the pure in heart  
598 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
308 Just as I am  
267 Thou whose Almighty Word

**5.00pm** Evening Prayer

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

“Though God be everywhere”, writes William Law, “yet he is present to thee in the deepest and most central part of the soul.” That is the primary, given reality: the relationship which we may deny or ignore, but of which we cannot fall, and our little acts of prayer—our vocal prayers, our times of meditation, or that prayer of simple, loving attention we call contemplation—all these are secondary: conscious reminders of whom we are and whose we are. For prayer is not an escape from life, a few minutes cut out of life, but a regular disciplined reminder that all life is lived in God’s presence, a marvelling at God’s love as that is shown in Christ, a thankful responding to the transcendent reality by whom we are held in being. (Michael Mayne, *Pray, Love, Remember*, p.24)

### POST COMMUNION:

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Bartholomew the Apostle

**24 August**

It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not a certainty. The gospels speak of Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus and calling him an Israelite worthy of the name. He is also present beside the Sea of Galilee at the resurrection. Although he seems initially a somewhat cynical man, he recognises Jesus for who he is and proclaims him as Son of God and King of Israel.

| FOR OUR PRAYERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | THE COMING WEEK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The parish of St Matthews, Oxhey</li><li>• The PCC</li><li>• Abbots Langley School</li><li>• All victims of abuse</li></ul> <p><b>FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED</b><br/>Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer;<br/>Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings</p> | <p><b>Monday–Saturday, 9.15am</b><br/>Morning Prayer<br/><i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i></p> <p><b><u>Monday 24th August</u></b></p> <p>10.00am Coffee Morning<br/><i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p>7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice<br/><i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 26th August</u></b></p> <p>12.00pm Eucharist<br/><i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p><b><u>Friday 28th August</u></b></p> <p>2.00pm Craft and Conversation<br/><i>Breakspeare Room</i></p> <p><b><u>Saturday 29th August</u></b></p> <p>11.00am Douglas Woodger<br/><i>St Lawrence Church</i></p> <p>1.30pm Christening of Riley Henderson<br/><i>The Tin Church</i></p> |
| NEXT SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Sunday 30th August 2026</b><br/><b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b></p> <p>8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence</p> <p>9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence</p> <p>11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church</p> <p><i>The next Spark Service will be on 27th September.</i></p>                                           | <p><b>BREATHING SPACE:</b><br/>The Breathing Space team has decided to take a bit of a break. There will be a handful of Breathing Space sessions scattered throughout the year, but for now the first Sunday of the month will revert to having a service of evening prayer at 5pm. So there is no Breathing Space on Sunday 5th September.'</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| READINGS NEXT SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Jeremiah 15.15-21 (P. 728)<br/>Psalm 26.1-8 (P. 514)<br/>Romans 12.9-end (P. 158)<br/>Matthew 16.21-end (P. 17)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| LYCHGATE APPEAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>The Lychgate Appeal is well underway, and we have now raised <b>£13,494</b>. We are very close to reaching our target! Thank you to everyone for your generous support.</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>AVAILABILITY</b></p> <p>Peter is away on leave this week.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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](http://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

**Church of the Ascension Autumn Fete, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 1-4pm. We would be very grateful for any donations of raffle and tombola prizes please.** Please leave any donations with the Parish Office; bring to the coffee morning between 10am-12 noon on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September; or to

the Fete before 1pm on the day. Many thanks for your support.

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

The **Food Bank** continues to be grateful for the brilliant support from the parish. Right now they are in particular need of: soup, small pouches/packets of dog/cat food, and any summer treats for children.

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

**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. There will be light refreshments: do come along to support!

## SAVE THE LYCHGATE

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

We are seeking to raise **£15,000** to preserve this cherished landmark for future generations.

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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**Church Office Opening Times:**  
10.00am-1.00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs,  
Fri (Closed Wednesdays)



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