

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY
 St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley
 with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
19th October 2025
THE EIGHTEENTH 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: Revd Helen Neville
Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Maureen Finerty

Intercessions: Roland Maxted

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:
 (Jeremiah 31: 27 - 34) (P. 746)
 Genesis 32: 22 - 31 (P. 31)
 Luke 18: 1 - 8 (P. 78)

Hymns:
 558: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 Psalm 119.97-107
 54: I cannot tell
 322: Soul of My Saviour
 386: Be Thou My Vision

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-



**Refreshments will
 be served in the
 Church Hall after
 the 9.30am service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

POST COMMUNION:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

PSALM 119.97-107:



Give me life O Lord ac - cor - ding to your word._____

Response: *Give me life O Lord, according to your word.*

understanding; therefore I hate all lying ways.

Lord how I love your law! All the day long it is my study.
Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

Response

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.
I am wiser than the aged,
because I keep your commandments.

Response

I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
I have not turned aside from your judgements,
for you have been my teacher.

Response

How sweet are your words on my tongue!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I get

Response

ANTHEM:

My Spirit Longs for Thee
Philip Godfrey

My spirit longs for thee
within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be
of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest
unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest
unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,
in vain I look around;
in all that I can see
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found
but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
and send it from above!

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For our candidates for baptism and confirmation
- For the parish of St. Peter's, Bushey Heath
- For all victims of religious and racial prejudice
- For all damaged by the Church

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; John Swallow; Pat Tuck; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis

FOR THE DEPARTED

NEXT SUNDAY

26th October 2025

The Last Sunday after Trinity

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| 8.00am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 9.30am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 11.30am | Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension |
| 3.30pm | The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church |

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Joel 2: 23 - end (P. 862)
2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8, 16 - 18 (P. 211)
Luke 18: 9 - 14 (P. 78)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am
Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 20th October

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 21st October

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

8.00pm Standing Committee Meeting
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 22nd October

12.00pm Eucharist
Corpus Christi Chapel

2.00pm Messy Church Planning Meeting
Breakspeare Room

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 23rd October

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 24th October

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat
The Tin Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 25th October

7.30pm Elsa Jean McTaggart in Concert
St Lawrence Church

7.30pm Confirmations and Baptisms
St Albans Abbey

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.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

Elsa Jean McTaggart in concert with Gary Lister - 'Caledonia', a selection of Scotland's finest folk, traditional music and more.
Saturday 25th October 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Profits from the concert will go to the Malawi Project. Tickets £14.
www.ticketsource.co.uk/flatpack
or call 01923 444619

Kathy and Immy return to St Lawrence Church on Saturday 8th November at 5pm - back by popular demand, after last year's successful concert. A retiring collection will support the Malawi Project and Friends of St Lawrence. Cake and refreshments available after the concert for donations. All are welcome.

Light Up the Night - Whether you're out trick-or-treating, or prefer something different on Halloween, come and join us for an evening of crafty fun! Friday 31st October 4 – 6pm in St Lawrence Church. We'll have: Sweets & treats, light- and autumn-themed crafts, games for all ages. No spooky stuff – just a warm, welcoming space to celebrate light, community, and fun together. Everyone welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay for a while!

Malawi Container: We now have the date for packing and delivering items to the Malawi Container. We will be packing items on Wednesday 19th November in the Scout Hut. If you have items ready to send could you bring them to the Church office during the week before or contact Wendy Meldrum on: wendymeldrum@gmail.com. There will also be a box at the back of church for items as well. There are leaflets at the back of Church giving details of items needed by the hospital, school and community in Malosa. Please do take one.

Next Saturday night at St. Alban's Abbey (7.30pm) five people from our parish will be being baptised and/or confirmed. Please keep Philip Cowderoy, Rachal Gregory, Andrew Procter, Laurence Upjohn and Vicky Edwards in your prayers - and come and support them on what should be a wonderful night! And if you've not been confirmed yourself, why not have a word with Peter or Helen for when the opportunity next comes round....

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