

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

20th September 2026

SIXTEENTH 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 & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Readers: Linda North
Wendy Meldrum

Intercessions: Roland Maxted

11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Ann Bolitho Jones

Readings:

Jonah 3.10–4.11 (P. 876)
Philippians 1.21–30 (P. 194)
Matthew 20.1–16 (P. 20)

Hymns:

502 Light's abode, celestial salem
497 Let all the world
557 Praise to the holiest
308 Just as I am
455 Guide me O thou great redeemer

5.00pm Taize Service
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
St Lawrence Church Hall

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:

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

You are mine, and I am yours

(Disciples in unity)

From 'Saints Alive!' by Roger Jones

You are mine, and I am yours,
now that we've believed the Lord.
We have found true unity,
that the world may see.

Father, make us one,
join us to your Son.
Let your spirit flow,
may your people grow!

This is what our Lord has said,
he who came back from the dead,
Love each other as you go,
that the world may know.

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**.

POST COMMUNION:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**John Coleridge Patteson,
Bishop of Melanesia**

20 September

Born in London in 1827, John Coleridge Patteson came under the influence of George Augustus Selwyn while John was still a scholar at Eton. Patteson went on to be ordained and, in 1855 at the age of twenty-eight, left Britain to begin his life's work among the Islanders of the South Pacific, founding the Melanesian Mission and becoming the first bishop of those Islands. His system of evangelisation was to train indigenous clergy and so to equip local people to share the gospel in a way that was within their own culture. This novel educative approach quickly bore fruit and Christianity spread rapidly. Also working in Melanesia were 'blackbirders', essentially European slave-traders, who carried off Islanders to work in British and other colonies in Australasia. When Patteson and his fellow-workers landed on the island of Nukapu, they were mistaken for such men. They were attacked and brutally put to death by the inhabitants. John Coleridge Patteson gave his life for the gospel on this day in the year 1871.

FOR OUR PRAYERS	THE COMING WEEK
- The parish of St Peter’s Watford - All of our church’s volunteers - Divine Saviour School - Those in debt FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED Christopher Seabrook; Bernard Eamer; Sophie Bellamy; Pamela Cotton; Lesley Cummings FOR THE DEPARTED Barbara Procter	Monday–Saturday, 9.15am Morning Prayer <i>In the Corpus Christi Chapel</i> <u>Monday 21st September</u> 10.00am Coffee Morning <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice <i>St Lawrence Church</i> <u>Tuesday 22nd September</u> 10.30am Tiny Tots <i>St Lawrence Church</i> 7.30pm CTAL Bereavement Event <i>Elvira’s, Henderson Hub</i> <u>Wednesday 23rd 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 24th September</u> 12.00pm Alpha Course <i>Breakspeare Room</i> 8.00pm Alpha Course <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Friday 25th September</u> 10.00am Tin Church Craft Group <i>The Tin Church</i> 2.00pm Craft and Conversation <i>Breakspeare Room</i> <u>Saturday 26th September</u> 10.00am Parish Quiet Day <i>Christ Church Chorleywood</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday 27th September 2026 17th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence 11.30am Eucharist at the Tin Church 3.30pm Spark Service at St Lawrence	
READINGS NEXT SUNDAY	
Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–end (p.797) Psalm 25.1–8 (p.513) Philippians 2.1–13 (p.194) Matthew 21.23–32 (p.22)	
AVAILABILITY	
Peter is off on Friday. 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. Every Thursday 12–1.30pm and 8–9.30pm. From 24th September–26th November at St. Lawrence Church.

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.

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. 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!

Save the Lychgate Fundraiser: **1000-piece jigsaw of St Lawrence Church** available from flatpacktheatre@outlook.com for £20.

Many thanks to all who helped, donated items and attended the **Church of the Ascension Fete**. It was a great success, raising £626.10.

FOSL Quiz Night: Sat 3rd October 7pm
Join our brilliant Quiz Night on 3rd October. Make up a table of 8 or join a table for the night. There will be a two course meal (BYO drinks). Tickets are £18.50pp, from wendymeldrum@gmail.com. Come along and join in the fun!

The **Malawi container shipment** is on hold due to conflict in the Middle East. Please hold onto your donations for now, and watch for updates! Thanks to all who have given so far.



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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Church Office Opening Times:
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*If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time,
please contact Peter directly.*