

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

14th January 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Second Sunday Service at
St Lawrence Church

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11.30am Eucharist at The Church of
the Ascension

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Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:
1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10 (11 - 20) (P. 252)
Revelation 5: 1 - 10 (P. 245)
John 1: 43 - end (P. 89)

**Hymns at The Church of the
Ascension:**

163: All hail the power of Jesus' name
494: King of glory, king of peace
516: Love divine, all loves excelling
386: Be thou my vision

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 Church
Hall after the
9.30am service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 PRAYER:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

‘FOOD FOR THOUGHT’

If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where these themes converge.

Philip Yancey

CTAL CHORAL EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS

Sunday 4th February, 3.00pm in St Lawrence Church

Join us in celebrating the feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple) at our Churches Together in Abbots Langley evensong service. Refreshments served after the service.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) **18th to 25th January.**

Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot

17 January

Born in about the year 251, Antony heard the gospel message, "If you would be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." He was twenty years old and rich, following the death of his parents, but he did as the gospel instructed and went to live in the desert, living an austere life of manual work, charity and prayer. His many spiritual struggles left him both wise and sensible and he became a spiritual guide for many who flocked to him. His simple rule of personal discipline and prayer was taken up and spread throughout Christendom. He died peacefully in the desert in the year 356, asking that he be buried secretly, so that his person might be hidden in death as in life.

NAMELESS YOUTH GROUP

The Nameless Youth Group is for secondary school aged pupils (11 - 18 years) and is held on the third Sunday of the month, 6.30pm - 8.00pm in the church hall. They meet for fun, friendship and to explore faith. Refreshments are provided.

If you would like to join the Nameless Youth Group, please speak to Peter or Helen, or contact the Church Office: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For unity within the Church
- For all the churches in Abbots Langley
- For the parish of St. Luke's Watford
- For all those suffering public disgrace
- For the work of the local Food Banks

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Jan Sanders; Greta Mowat;

FOR THE DEPARTED

John Swallow; Karin Cutting;

NEXT SUNDAY

21st January 2024

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Eucharist St. Lawrence Church
9.30am Eucharist St Lawrence Church
11.30am Eucharist The Church of the Ascension
5.00pm Taizé service

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 14: 17 - 20 (P. 11)
Revelation 19: 6 - 10 (P. 255)
(Psalm 128) (P. 515)
John 2: 1 - 11 (P. 89)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are off on Tuesday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 15th January

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 17th January

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

THERE WILL BE NO 12.00PM EUCHARIST TODAY

6.30pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir practice

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 18th January

11.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

11.30am Bedmond Bells WI Community Café

The Church of the Ascension

12.15pm Women of the New Testament

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 19th January

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

1.00pm Funeral of John Swallow

St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 20th January

11.00am Children and Young People Committee

Breakspear Room

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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

The date has changed for the Sunday Lunch in January, it will now be held on **Sunday 28th at 13.00pm** instead of the normal 3rd Sunday of the month .

A new service starting on 28th January: The Spark @ St Lawrence's. This service is for people of all ages, there will be activities for children and a space for adults to explore faith and a chance to meet new people. Held on the last Sunday of each month, starting at 3.30pm for drinks and snacks, with the service starting at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Christingle Candles - please return your Christingle candles by Monday 15th January.

There are currently three part time administrative vacancies within the Diocesan

Office. Details can be found on the vacancies page of our website - Diocesan Roles Vacancies - The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org)

Please book your place for our ever popular Sing a Long in aid of the Malawi Project.

Saturday 27th January, 6.30pm. This year it will be to the Sound of Music and promises to be a wonderful evening. There will be light refreshments available. It will be BYO drinks and the cost is £6.50 per adult and £3.50 per child. So, dust off those vocal chords and don the Lederhosen for a fun evening's entertainment!!

Contact: Wendymeldrum@gmail.com or Church Office on 01923 261795

If you haven't yet paid your **2024 Outlook subscription** please pay by bank transfer using the following details:

Abbots Langley PCC - St Lawrence & Church of the Ascension RCN1130597
Sortcode: 30 99 21
Account no: 01540225

Ref: Outlook and your surname

If you are unable to pay using BACs but could drop the cash into the church office in an envelope marked with your name and the word OUTLOOK that would also help us. The cost is £6 or if you would like it posted further afield the cost is £15. Thank you.

Women of the New Testament: On 18th January, we will be resuming our daytime bible and fellowship group, where we will be turning to look at some of the women of New Testament. Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!), Breakspare Room.

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