



Outlook

March 2026

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

50p



Dear Reader

With Lent upon us and Easter just around the corner there are lots of services and events for everyone. Head to page 12 to find out details of what's happening over Easter. Plus, if you haven't yet joined the CTAL Lent course, 'The Eucharist: What's it all

about?', it's not too late, contact Peter for more details.

Until next time...

*Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of Outlook*



Abbots Langley Parish, Lent Course 2026

The Eucharist: What's it all about?



Sessions on Thursdays throughout Lent

1pm-2.30pm & 8.00pm-9.30pm
in St. Lawrence's Church

Beginning from 19th Feb

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March Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at
the Church of the
Ascension

Wednesday

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

*Weekly events do not
happen on a bank holiday.*

Monday 10.00am

Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room
(Term time only)

Thursday 8.00pm

Lent Course
Breakspeare Room

Friday 10.00am

Bedmond Bells Craft
and Chat
*The Church of the
Ascension*

Friday 2.00pm

Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 1st 5.00pm

Breathing Space
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 1st 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 4th 10am

Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

Wednesday 4th 2pm

Compassionate Café
Breakspeare Room

Thursday 5th 1pm

and 8pm

Lent Course
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 7th 9.30am

Churchyard Working Party
(CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

Saturday 7th 7.00pm

Malawi Quiz
St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 8th 5.00pm

Choral Evensong
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 11th 11am

Mother's Union
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 11th 3.30pm

Messy Church
Methodist Church

Thursday 12th 1pm

and 8pm

Lent Course
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 14th 4.30pm

Mother's Day Bouquet
making
St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 15th 1pm

Sunday Lunch
St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 15th 5.00pm

Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 15th 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group
Breakspeare Room

Sunday 3.30pm

The Spark Service
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 19th 1pm

and 8pm

Lent Course
Breakspeare Room

Monday 23rd 7.00pm

Helen's Licensing
St Luke's, Bricket Wood

Thursday 26th 1pm

and 8pm

Lent Course
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 28th 2.00pm

Children's Easter
Workshop
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 29th 11.00am

Palm Sunday
Kitters Green

Sunday 29th 11.30am

Palm Sunday Service
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 29th 3.30pm

The Spark Service
St Lawrence Church



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Messy Church

We had lots of fun at our February Messy Church as we continued looking at the stories of Jesus choosing his disciples, this time it was the fishermen, Simon and Andrew and James and John. Needless to say there were a lot of very “fishy” crafts and sailing boats! And, of course, we had fish fingers for Messy Tea!! As well as looking at the Bible stories, we also thought how we can follow Jesus and be his disciples today.

One of our activities was to make a “Goodbye and Thank You” card for Helen, our Curate, who comes along to help us at Messy Church. She will be missed by us all and we wished her good luck as she starts in her new parish as vicar.

Also, we were delighted with the response to our request for help at Messy Church and welcomed three new helpers to our February MC we are hoping they will stay!

**Our March Messy Church is:
Wednesday March 11th
3.30pm – 5.45pm**

Methodist Church, Abbots Langley
Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater for Messy Tea and for our crafts. **All are welcome.**
Come along and join in the fun!

**Future date for your diaries:
April Messy Church
Wednesday 8th April**

Our April Messy Church will fall during the Easter holidays and we will be **holding MC AT ST LAWRENCE’S.**

We will have an Easter trail round the Churchyard and lots of Easter fun and activities.

**It will be 2.30pm – 4.45pm.
Do come along and join in the fun!**



Brenda Redfearn 9th August 1937 - 15th December 2025.

Brenda Pauline Redfearn, nee Ashby, was born in Hemel Hempstead and grew up in Abbots Langley; in the house that would be her home, on and off, for over seventy years. After attending Hemel Hempstead Grammar School, she worked for British Railways before joining the Building Research Establishment in Garston, Hertfordshire. It was here that she met her husband David and many other people who would become lifelong friends.

Always active, Brenda inherited a great enthusiasm for walking from her father and set a pace akin to a route march, with David trailing behind looking forward to respite and drink at the next public house. Brenda took part in local groups and the book club, always fascinated by learning about the world. Her own person, she was curious but determined. When she decided she no longer wanted to eat meat she was clear on the point that she was not a vegetarian; she just didn't eat meat. Labels didn't matter, only the actions and the decision did.

Brenda and David learned to ring church bells in 1965, after looking for a low cost hobby they could both do together. Always sociable, a practice night often ended up with them both in the pub with a glass of beer and chatting to friends. Their work at the Building Research Centre in Garston had brought them into contact with John Mayne (a prolific and experienced bellringer), who offered to teach them both to ring at his tower – All Saints, Harrow Weald in Middlesex. Progressing quickly, they both rang their first peal on 29th

January 1966 – Cambridge Surprise Minor. By this time, Brenda and David were living in Caddington, Bedfordshire and supported their local band of ringers both there and in Luton with Brenda quickly becoming a very good bell ringer. In 1971, she was elected to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths along with husband David. Bellringing became a lifelong passion for them both.

By that time, Brenda and David had moved back to Abbots Langley and Brenda joined the band of ringers at St. Lawrence Abbots Langley, whilst she and David also attended practice nights at St James's Bushey. Brenda had now trained as a teacher and put her skills to good use at St Lawrence, teaching many people, young and old to ring bells; some of whom continue to ring at Abbots Langley and beyond to this day. Records show that Brenda rang 33 full peals between 1966 and 2003 with Stedman Triples being her lead method. In addition she rang over 320 Quarter Peals, conducting some of these herself.

As a keen walker and traveller, Brenda undertook many holidays and outings across the British Isles and the globe with bell ringing being ever present in these excursions. As a result, Brenda rang bells in three continents, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America. But her main dedication was to the parish where she had been christened, confirmed, married and finally, entrusted to God in – St. Lawrence Abbots Langley.

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A diligent member of the church, she would walk across the fields to attend Sunday Service at 8am before ringing the bells for the 9:30am service as well as practice nights on Monday evenings. A routine she kept up year on year.

Brenda suffered a stroke on 9th December 2025 and passed away in hospital six days later on 15th December 2025, surrounded by friends and family. Her funeral took place on 16th January 2026 and was attended by over two dozen bell ringers who had been taught by her or rang with her over the years. She was a valued member of The Hertford County Association of Change Ringers and will be much missed by those who knew her. "



*James Tuck, Tower Secretary
St Lawrence Church
Abbots Langley.*

*Brenda in the Churchyard, St
Lawrence Church, Abbots
Langley - 4th July 2009*

Mothers' UNION

At our February meeting we welcomed Helen to speak to us. She chose to speak about Messy Families, drawing on Noah's family from the Bible and her own family - 'we can't choose our family, but we can choose how we honour them'.

It was also our AGM, and it was agreed that I would continue as Branch Leader, but Mike Jefford stood down after many years as Treasurer, and no one was willing to stand. We are also without a Secretary. Therefore, at our meeting this month we will invite someone from the Diocesan MU to see how we can move forward.

March is a busy month:

11th March is our meeting when we will have a short Lent Meditation as well as discussing our future - 11.00am

followed by Communion at 12.00noon.
15th March is Mothering Sunday - MU member, Doreen Higgs, will be making a Simnel Cake to be cut and shared during coffee after the Parish Communion

25th March - we will be making Palm Crosses from 10.00am onwards - others are welcome to join us - bring some scissors - instructions available. As it's Lady Day, the Annunciation, we could then go to the Communion Service at 12.00noon.

Tring MU are holding their Lady Day service on **Tuesday 24th at 11.30am**, followed by lunch - they have invited us, if any members would like to go, please speak to me for details. You can also find out more about The Annunciation by joining an online talk by the Revd Peter Waddell organised by St Albans Cathedral (more details elsewhere in this magazine!)
Contact: pamrastall@live.co.uk
for more information.

Parish People

Maureen Yolande Taylor

(Maureen has, for some time, been writing her life story. She agreed for me to use this as a basis for a Parish People article)

Maureen was born in Lincoln where her father, a squadron leader in the RAF, was stationed after the war. Her father wanted a boy so was very disappointed. Maureen's mother was an only child whose family came from Cumbria. The family subsequently moved to Barnet as her father had left the RAF and was working for the Foreign Office as a Foreign Service Officer. When Maureen was five her father was posted to Moscow and his family joined him there. Maureen remembers a very old (as it seemed to her then) Russian nanny who looked after Maureen and her younger sister. She learned to ice skate and could run on her skates. After Moscow they lived again in Barnet for about 6 months before her father's work took them to Paris. At school in France, she learned to speak French by mixing with the other children and did the shopping with her mother whose knowledge of French was not great. Maureen was able to go up the Eiffel Tower and also made friends with a Dalmatian dog belonging to friends in the village in which they lived which would have implications later on in Maureen's life. They also owned a black labrador called Paddy while they lived in France. During the time in Paris her parents had marital problems and she, her mother and sister returned to England. Maureen was told that this was because her education had reached a stage that required her to go



to school in England. It was only in adulthood that she discovered that the return to England was because of the breakdown of her parents' marriage. They settled in Hatfield where her mother had to work full time in an opticians to support them, so Maureen and her sister were left to their own devices after school although they had good neighbours who were supportive. While living in Hatfield Maureen had the opportunity to start horse riding something she has enjoyed throughout her life, riding until she was about fifty years old.

Sadly, when Maureen was thirteen, her mother died. By then her father had remarried and had the son he had always wanted but Maureen and her sister were never invited to be with their father's new family. Fortunately, they were able to attend the same boarding school which was near Aylesbury where they were reasonably happy and where Maureen was able to continue riding. One amusing detail is that there were 5 girls at the school out of 36 boarders sharing the surname Harper. At this time her father's mother and sister took on the responsibility of bringing the two sisters up and bought a large house in Finchley where Maureen would spend

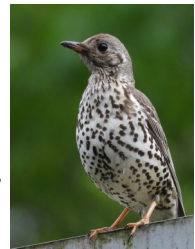
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the school holidays, The standard of education at the boarding school was not great and Maureen left at 16 and went to secretarial college. While living with the family Maureen attended St Jude's Church and was persuaded to help with the cub pack and her name was Rikki Tikki Tavi (the mongoose). Maureen got a job with a lift company in Green Park. She had driving lessons, passing her test first time at 17 and also joined the Young Conservatives where she met her future husband. They got married in 1967 when Maureen was 20 although none of her family wanted her to marry him. They lived in Finchley and Maureen remembers celebrating their first wedding anniversary in the revolving restaurant at the top of the Post Office Tower. Maureen gave birth to her first daughter in 1970 and her second daughter in 1972, by which time they had bought a house in Luton. It was when the girls were 4 and 2 that they decided to have a dog and chose a Dalmatian. Another Dalmatian puppy followed and so began the days of dog shows and dog breeding. As her husband wanted to move nearer to London for his work, he found a pair of cottages in Patchetts Green which needed major work and the family moved there in 1977. To be continued.....

Brenda Southorn

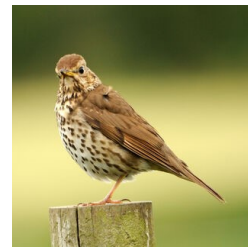
RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in the Churchyard

The Big Garden birdwatch took place between the 23rd and 25th January. If you are not familiar with this, it encourages people all over the country to spend one hour in their garden taking note of the birds that they see or hear and submitting the results. However, although the name suggests it is only for watching birds in your garden they also encourage people to take part in parks, nature reserves, churchyards etc. in fact anywhere that birds might be. Once the results are in they publish the results. The results for 2026 have not yet been published but the ones for 2025 listed these birds as the top 10. At the top of the list was the House Sparrow followed by Blue Tit, Wood Pigeon, Starling, Blackbird, Robin, Great Tit, Goldfinch, Magpie and Long Tailed Tit. We carried out our own survey in the churchyard and this is a list of birds that we either saw or heard on the day:-



Mistle Thrush

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Wood Pigeon | Song Thrush |
| Magpie | Stock Dove |
| Robin | Dunnock |
| Blue Tit | Long Tailed Tit |
| Great Tit | Mistle Thrush |
| Blackbird | Collared Dove |



Song Thrush

From the Curate

By the time you read this, I will be gone.

Otto and I will have loaded up the horses (my bright orange Fiat 500), packed our meagre supplies (Pepsi Max, notebooks, dog treats), and set off on a long and perilous journey into the unknown. We will follow the path of many settlers before us, crossing the treacherous A405, ready to face whatever danger lies beyond. Please remember us fondly. Tell our story. Sing songs of our courage. Light a candle.

Or, you know, say hello next time you see me because Bricket Wood is ten minutes away. While the journey itself may not be epic, leaving curacy certainly feels significant.

It feels like three years have gone by in a flash. And there are still plenty of roads in Abbots Langley I've never driven down and corners I've never explored, but somehow when I do explore there are familiar faces everywhere. This place has become full of people whose stories I've been drawn into: in schools, in church, in homes, in hospital rooms, and at bedsides. Some of those stories I've only just begun to hear. Some I've walked alongside for a little longer. And some, inevitably, I now have to leave unfinished.

That, I think, is one of the strangest things about parish ministry. You become part of people's lives—sometimes very quickly, sometimes very deeply—and then, just as quickly, you move on. There are conversations



you never quite finish; stories you never hear the end of and people you fully expect to bump into again but never do.

There have certainly been some memorable moments in curacy.

Like the time I brought a thurible to a school assembly to talk about Epiphany, and in a moment of what I can only describe as overconfident twirling, managed to break it and spill black goo all over the school hall floor (luckily Nigel was able to fix it).

There have been courses on everything from the Women of the Old Testament to Heresy, youth groups where we've wrestled with big questions, Messy Churches that have been exactly that—messy—and *Spark*, which has been one of the real joys of my time here.

Watching young people, families, and those who might not normally walk through the church doors find a place, has been something quite special.

And that's something I'd like to encourage you in, as I go.

Because one of the most important things in church life is welcome. But welcome is one of those things which works best if everyone takes part. It's not just the job of the person on the door, or those on the welcomers' rota, or the clergy. It's something that belongs to us all.

So, when someone new walks in, whether they look confident or completely lost, notice them. Go and say hello. Invite them for a coffee.

Learn their name (and forgive yourself when you immediately forget it and have to ask again). Make space for them in conversations that might otherwise stay comfortably familiar.

Because it is very easy, without meaning to, to become a church where everyone is friendly—but no one quite makes it into the circle. And, for someone walking through the door for the first time, that moment matters more than we realise. It might be the difference between coming back or quietly slipping away. So, keep noticing. Keep making room.

And alongside that, I want to say something about another sound that fills this church—and not always in a neat or predictable way.

The sound of children.

The fidgeting. The whispering. The occasional loud question at exactly the wrong moment. The running (when they really shouldn't be running). The chaos that sometimes bubbles up in the middle of something that feels like it *ought* to be quiet and orderly.

And yes, sometimes it can be distracting. But it is also a very, very good thing. Because there are churches, many churches, where that sound simply isn't there anymore. Where the silence isn't peaceful, but empty. Where a generation has not been passed the story of faith, and there is no one coming after.

So, when you hear that noise, when it interrupts, when it distracts, when it's a little inconvenient, I would love for you to hear it differently. Not as a

disruption, but as a sign of life. A sign that something is continuing. A sign that faith is still being carried forward, however imperfectly.

There's that line in Judges about a generation arising who did not know the Lord. Not a dramatic rejection, just a quiet drifting, a gradual forgetting.

And so the small things matter. Talking about faith. Reading scripture. Praying, even briefly. Letting it be something that is part of life, not just something that happens in a building once a week.

Because those small, consistent things shape far more than we often realise. And, just as importantly, let young people belong *now*, not just "when they're older." Let them be seen, known, included. Let them make noise. Let them ask questions. Let them take part.

Because they are not just the future of the church. They are part of the church *now*.

Finally—thank you.

Thank you for your kindness, and your patience as I've learned as your curate. Thank you for the conversations, the encouragement, and for trusting me with moments that have mattered. This place has shaped me more than I can probably put into words. And while I may only be going ten minutes down the road, this will always be a place—and a people—that have been part of that story. So please do say hello if you see me.

With every blessing,

Helen

Easter Services

Sunday 29th March -

Palm Sunday Service at Kitters Green 11.00am, followed by a service in St Lawrence Church at 11.30am

Thursday 2nd April 8.00pm -

Maundy Thursday Service and Vigil until midnight
St Lawrence Church

Friday 3rd April 10.00am -

CTAL Walk of Witness,
start at St Paul's Church,
Langleybury

Friday 3rd April 2.00pm -

An hour at the Cross,
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 5th April Time 6.10am-

Sunrise Service, Bedmond Playing
Fields

Sunday 5th April 9.30am -

Easter Sunday Service in St Lawrence Church

Sunday 5th April 11.30am

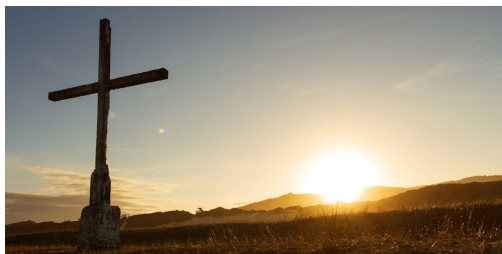
Easter Sunday Service at Church of the
Ascension, Bedmond

Monday 6th April 9.30am -

Holy Communion in St Lawrence Church

Monday 6th April -

Easter Monday pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey (see below).



Easter Monday walk to St Albans.

We shall be walking to St Albans leaving the church hall car park at 11.00am. If you would like breakfast, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church before Maundy Thursday (2nd April). Breakfast will be at 10.00am following communion in St Lawrence at 9.30am. 1.00pm arrive at the Abbey - please feel free to join us at the Abbey even if you have not been able to walk with us. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy in the Abbey Orchard, before processing into the Abbey from 2.30pm, for the service which starts at 3.00pm. For those walking to St Albans from elsewhere in the area the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond will be open between 11.00am and 2.00pm for a refreshment break.

The Annunciation

“Hail, Mary, full of grace,” said Gabriel — or did he? The translation is tricky, but the phrase “full of grace” has lit up the Christian imagination for centuries. Was Gabriel simply being polite, or does it reveal something extraordinary about Mary?

What does it mean to say Mary is full of grace? How was she shaped by God to become the one through whom the Incarnation would come — and when did that shaping begin?

These questions sparked what’s been called “perhaps the most prolonged and passionate debate in Christian theology,” culminating in the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 — a defining difference between Roman Catholicism and the Reformation.

Led by Revd Dr Peter Waddell, join us for an evening exploring what makes Mary so remarkable — and why it still matters. Come to the Eucharist at 7pm before the main event begins.

This event will be livestreamed and recorded for all ticket holders.



Start: 25th March 2026 at 7:30pm

End: 25th March 2026 at 9:00pm

Where:
St Albans Cathedral

How to Book

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Gardening Society	Jane Lay (447281)
Gilbert & Sullivan Society	Brenda Southorn 07933 144117
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Friends of St Lawrence Meal at Le Banq

The Friends of St Lawrence are very grateful to everyone that attended the recent fundraising event at Le Banq. There was good food and good company. 60 people came along - all Friends of St Lawrence. Wendy Meldrum emphasized that the definition of 'a Friend' is anyone who comes to any of the events, makes a donation or supports the work of the 'Friends'. As a result of the friends getting together for the meal £703.00 was raised. She also explained that there are patrons of St Lawrence but more of that next month. All this money is used to maintain St Lawrence Church. It can only be used for the maintenance of the building and not for any other purpose. Wendy referred to the two most recent projects which have been (i) the restoration and renovation of the church porch and (ii) improvements to the drainage at the east end of the church. The work on the porch has included improving the drainage around the porch to try and eliminate the damp; the redecoration of the inside; new lighting; colours being added to the shields and gird iron motifs and restoration of the leaf motifs on the ceiling. There has also been an interesting discovery of some metal work. The second project has been to improve the drainage at the east end of the church. Many of you will have noticed the plaster coming off the wall at the east end, the wall has been damp for a long time in the Corpus Christi Chapel. When it comes to maintaining buildings there is nothing more important than preventing water ingress into the building that means

keeping the roof, the drainage and the guttering in good order so that water flows away from and not into the building. Lastly Wendy gave a vote of thanks to Bill Sanderson who has been the chair of the Friends of St Lawrence since before the pandemic and who has now stood down. Bill was unable to be at the event but Sally Sanderson was present and was asked to pass on the vote of thanks to Bill. A great deal has been accomplished under his leadership.



A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13th - Sunday 29th March), the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. See if there's a litter pick in your local area or consider organising your own - after church on Sunday or with a youth group for example. Pray for your local area as you do the litter pick and ask God for opportunities to share why you are doing it. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean

For more eco tips visit:
arocha.org.uk/wild-christian



QR Codes

If you would like to access the website for either St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension or for St Albans Cathedral, you can do so by scanning the QR codes below.

QR code for St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension



QR code for St Albans Cathedral



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Bedmond Bells Women's Institute

Last month we were hoping spring was on the way, but it seems to have rained nonstop since then! Let's hope March is better.

Our February meeting was a pancake themed evening with quizzes, games and of course pancakes for refreshments, which everyone enjoyed. We held a successful Community Café in the Tin Church at the end of January. This was a pleasant lunch time – lots of chat over a tasty meal of soup, a filled roll and cake. By popular demand, we will be holding another on Monday 23rd March, so do come and join us from 12 to 1.30 in the Tin Church.

Our March meeting is on Friday 13th March, when we will be having a 'Colour Me Beautiful' session, giving us advice on what colours suit us best. Visitors are always welcome – Bedmond Village Hall at 7.30 pm – just come along or contact us as below for more details.

For further information our contact details are as follows –

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Funerals taken in February

Eve Durnall
Edward Rimell



Malawi Project

SING A LONG: SAT JAN 31ST.

As always our Sing a Long was a great success with everyone enjoying singing along to the "King of the Swingers"!! We made just under £350 which will go towards St Luke's Hospital, the Secondary School and Community of Malosa in Malawi. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

**NEXT EVENTS: QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday March 7^h, 7.00pm for
7.30pm St Lawrence Church Hall.**

Not long now before our quiz night so if you haven't already booked your place, make sure you do so quickly! Make up your own table of 8 or join a table on the night. There will be a two - course supper and BYO drinks. Tickets are £15pp. So, dust off those little grey cells and book yourself a fun night out! Contact: wendymeldrum@gmail.com for tickets or Church Office on 01923 261795

**BACK TO BAILEY'S DISCO!!!
60/70/80's Music and disco night:
Time to relive your youth!!
Saturday 30th May 7.30pm – 10.30pm
St Lawrence Church Hall**

After the great success last year for the Malawi Team, we are holding another Music and Disco Night ... **BACK TO BAILEY'S DISCO** and this will include 60/70's and also 80's music, with dancing, "Beat the Intro Game" and the opportunity to dress for the 60/70 /80's. Come along, bring friends and family to enjoy the sounds of the 60's 70's and 80's and dance the night away! Tickets are £12.50pp to include **Chicken in the basket!!** BYO drinks. Contact Wendy Meldrum:- wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795

Friends of St Lawrence
are hosting a
Wine Tasting Evening
presented by
Dallings
of Kings Langley
at
St Lawrence Church
Hall, Abbots Langley.
7.30pm

£25pp to include ..
wine tasting and expert advice
Cheese and Pate platters
To seat tables of 8.
Booking contact:
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Wine tasting

SATURDAY 25th APRIL



In aid of the Malawi Project

QUIZ! NIGHT!

AND SUPPER

SATURDAY 7th MARCH

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL

Tickets: £15.00: BYO drinks

Including a two course supper

Contact: wendymeldrum@gmail.com

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Deadline for all content for March Outlook is Wednesday 18th March