

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

25th June 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Carol Higgs

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:

Jeremiah 20: 7 - 13 (P. 733)
(Romans 6: 1b - 11) (P. 152)
Matthew 10: 24 - 39 (P. 10)

Hymns:

585: The church's one foundation
426: Firmly, I believe and truly
54: I cannot tell
432: From heaven you came
538: O Jesus I have promised

5.00pm Taizé Service

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive communion in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are very welcome to receive a blessing. Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.



Seekers - This group for primary school aged children meets during the service every week, except at our all-age service, which is on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone welcome, please ask a welcomer for details.

Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.thesundayservice.org). Welcome to all those taking part from home: if you would like an order of service to follow please contact the parish office. 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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

BIBLE NOTES:

'Whoever loves son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me.' It will take more than a few words to make sense of *that* - but here's a beginning. Jesus exaggerates to make a point. He's not dismissing or condemning the proper love of family... but he is warning that family, like any other good thing, can be loved in such a way that it ends up distorting and corrupting our whole life. The Sicilian Mafia, after all, were famous for their love of family. It's easy, of course, to point the finger at them. The harder question is where *we* might be in similar danger.

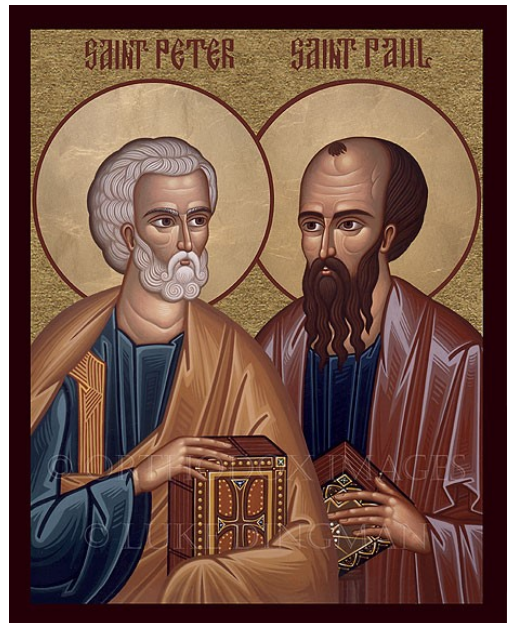
POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

29 June

Peter has often been called the 'Prince of the Apostles' because of the words of Jesus re-naming him, from Simon to Cephas. This was the Aramaic form of the Greek word Peter, which means 'rock'. Jesus said that on this rock he would build his Church. But both Peter and Paul came to be seen as having different rôles to play within the leadership of the Church: Peter in witnessing to the Lordship of Christ and Paul in developing an understanding of its meaning for Christ's followers. Peter and Paul have been remembered jointly on this day since the very early days of the Church, it being regarded as the anniversary of their martyrdom in Rome in about the year 64.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For St John's, Watford as their vicar moves on
- For the work of the foodbank
- For Ukraine and Russia
- For the leaders of the nations
- For Soul Survivor Church, Watford

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Judy Hill; David Southorn;
James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville;
Sandra McIntosh

FOR THE DEPARTED

Wendy Breese;

NEXT SUNDAY

2nd July 2023

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm Breathing Space

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 22: 1 - 14 (P. 18)
Jeremiah 28: 5 - 9 9P. 742)
Romans 6: 12 - end (P. 152)
Matthew 10: 40 - end (P. 10)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Wednesday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 26th June

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspeare Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 27th June

7.30pm CTAL Gravetalk

Henderson Hub

Wednesday 28th June

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 29th June

8.00pm Pilgrim Course

Breakspeare Room

Friday 30th June

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspeare Room

6.15pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 1st July

9.30am Churchyard Working party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

11.00am Christening Prep Session

Breakspeare Room

5.00pm Helen Neville Ordination

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

Helen Neville's Ordination will be held on Saturday 1st July at 5.00pm in St Albans Abbey. We are asking people to car share and there is a sheet at the back of Church for you to sign. All are welcome. **Sunday 2nd July** will see Helen's first services in the parish. There will be no service at Bedmond that day, instead all are invited to the Church Hall for a welcome party with fizz and cake after the 9.30am service.

There will be no 12.00pm Eucharist on Wednesday 28th June.

Breathing Space - Is Religion Relevant?
Sunday 2nd July at 5.00pm in St Lawrence Church. Tea and cake provided. All are welcome.

Gravetalk - A café space to talk about death, dying and funerals. Tuesday 27th June 7.30pm, Henderson Hub. To book a free space email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

The next coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension will be held on Wednesday 5th July 10.00am to 12.00pm. All are welcome.

Malawi Sponsored Swim: Wendy Meldrum is doing a sponsored swim for Malawi. 10th - 16th July. Sponsor forms at the back of Church ... please support by sponsoring this swimming challenge!

Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society are performing a lighthearted show full of amusing songs from Thursday 22nd - Saturday 24th at Henderson Hub at 7.30 (2.30 Sat matinee). Participants from St Lawrence are Kathy Bunting, Janet Feigenbaum, Alex Horrox-White, Brenda Southorn and Emma Stratton. It will be a fun evening with tap dancing, singing and a very old fairy!

Help for the Malawi Project: There are various ways you may be able to help the Malawi Project. Please find a flyer with further details at the back of Church or ask any of the team.

CONTACT NUMBERS

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

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