

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

16h July 2023

THE SIXTH 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: Linda North

Intercessions: Sally Sanderson

11.30am: Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Pam Rastall

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 10 - 13 (P. 696)

Romans 8: 1 - 11 (P. 153)

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23 (P. 13)

Hymns:

558: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation

494: King of glory, King of peace

505: Lord Jesus Christ

127: When I survey the wondrous cross

466: How shall I sing that majesty

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group BBQ

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:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:

Isaiah says that when God speaks, his word bears fruit – it makes things happen, things grow. What things? Well, for a start, perhaps what Paul calls the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, generosity, faithfulness, kindness, patience, self-control. That's what we should see springing up all around us, God's people, God's harvest. What does the harvest look like to you? If it's a bit meagre... why might that be? The Parable of the Sower is an attempt to answer that question. How does it speak to you?

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

Ave verum corpus - W. A Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis peragustatum, in mortis examine.*

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on
the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank flowed water and
blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

Gregory & Macrina, Teachers of the Faith

19 July

Gregory of Nyssa was born at Caesarea in what is now Turkey around the year 330, the child of an aristocratic Christian family. Unlike his elder brother Basil, he was academically undistinguished, but ultimately proved to be the most original of the group of the theologians known as the Cappadocian Fathers. He was introduced to the spiritual life by his elder sister Macrina who exercised a formative influence upon him, and with whom he maintained close bonds of friendship throughout his life. It was she who, after the death of their father, converted the household into a sort of monastery on one of the family estates. Gregory married a deeply spiritual woman, Theosebia, and at first refused ordination, choosing to pursue a secular career. He was ordained only later in life, and in 372 was chosen to be bishop of Nyssa. In the year 379 both his brother Basil and his sister Macrina died, and this deeply affected him; but out of this darkness emerged a profound spirituality. For Gregory, God is met not as an object to be understood, but as a mystery to be loved. He died in the year 394.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of All Saints, Leavesden
- For all who work in the media
- For all who have been exploited and abused by others
- For all those facing accusations
- For all those uprooted from their homes

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville;
Lawrence Willson
Sandra McIntosh

FOR THE DEPARTED

Mary Smith;

NEXT SUNDAY

23rd July 2023

The Seventh 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 BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 28: 10 - 19a (P. 25)
Wisdom 12, 13: 16 - 19 (P. 596)
Romans 8: 12 - 25 (P. 153)
Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43 (P. 14)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday. Helen's day off is Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 17th July

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 18th July

12.30pm Burial of Ashes for Marina Unsworth

Garden of Remembrance

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 19th July

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Friday 21st July

Church Office is closed

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

6.15pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 22nd July

10.00am Children and Young People (CYP)

Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

12.00pm Christening of Ella Molcher

St Lawrence Church

1.00pm Christening of Harrison Walsh

St Lawrence Church

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.

Malawi Sponsored Swim: Wendy will be swimming the last leg of the sponsored swim today at Woodside Leisure Centre. Day 7 of the challenge! This will be the last chance to sponsor her!

We are looking for two people or more who would be prepared to represent our two churches at **Autumn Fest on 16th September**. This usually involves taking a simple quoits game to the event and generally chatting to those who are attending the event. We will provide a gazebo and the game and the prize money. All you need to do is run the game for the duration of the event. 16th September 11am-4pm. Please let Carol know if you can do this on behalf of us all.

Patronal Festival 13th August - Please make sure that you have made a note that the **Patronal Festival on Sunday 13th August is at 11.00am**. There will be no service at Church of the Ascension on this day and no 9.30am service at St Lawrence. We would love you to stay for a BBQ after the service. Please sign the list at the back of St Lawrence so that we can cater for the right amount of people. We are delighted to announce that our preacher will be Charlotte Bradley (née Ballinger). Charlotte is Associate Priest at St Albans Abbey; former Chaplain to University College London and grew up worshipping at St Lawrence.

Bishop Alan will be opening his garden on 16th July, 23rd July, 30th July and 6th August from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Adults £4.00, children free. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HD. Dogs allowed on leads. No toilet facilities.

We are looking for 3 people to add to the team of servers to be acolytes and carry the candles on a Sunday morning at the 9.30am service. Full training will be given. Anyone from the age of 11 upwards could do this. We like to have a mixture of adults and young people. Please let Carol, Peter or Helen know if you could help us in this role.

Saturday 19th August -Motoring Meander, leave at 2.00pm from the Church hall. 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea** and antique tea pot and jewellery sale, St Lawrence Church. Both events in aid of the Malawi Project. If you would like to attend both or either of these popular events contact David or Eileen Adams: David.adams31@ntlworld.com

There will be **NO Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning in July or August** (details of the next one will be advertised at a later date).

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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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