



THE PARISH OF ABBOTS Langley

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



21st December 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY

8.00am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
President & Preacher:	Revd Peter Waddell
Reader:	Dennis Spooner
9.30am	Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
Reader:	Gillian Furphy
Intercessions:	Tom Betteridge
President & Preacher:	Revd Helen Neville
11.30am	Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
President & Preacher:	Revd Helen Neville
Reader:	Pam Rastall

Readings:

Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 (P. 646)

(Romans 1: 1 - 7) (P. 147)

Matthew 1: 18 - end (P. 1)

Hymns:

64: Of the Father's love begotten

Psalm 80:1-8,18-20

242: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

505: Lord Jesus Christ

362: Tell out my soul

6.30pm Nine Lesson and Carols at
St Lawrence Church

*Peter is presiding at the 10am service at
St Matthew's, Oxhey*

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-impaired users.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 9.30am service



THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 80:



Show the light of your count-en-ance O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved.

Response: Show the light of your countenance O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim Benjamin and Manasseh.

Response

Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.

Turn us again O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Response

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.

Response

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Turn us again O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Response

And so will we not go back from you; give us life and we shall call upon your name.

Turn us again O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Response

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the Holy Land
- For all when Christmas is hard
- For those without shelter
- For new parents and babies

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis; Mike White,

FOR THE DEPARTED

Daphne Graves; Richard Constable; Brenda Redfearn

NEXT SUNDAY

28th December 2025

The Holy Innocents

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31: 15 - 17 (P. 745)
1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 29 (P. 162)
Matthew 2: 13 - 18 (P. 2)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helan are off from lunchtime on Christmas Day until Sunday 4th January.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am
Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

The Church office is closed from Wednesday 24th December to Monday 5th January

Monday 22nd December

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 24th December

1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm and
6.00pm Candlelight Services
St Lawrence Church

11.45pm Midnight Mass
St Lawrence Church

11.45pm Midnight Mass
The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)

Thursday 25th December

9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

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The Church of the Ascension (Tin 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: churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk



Nine Lessons and Carols is TODAY at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. All are warmly welcome at this wonderful service, where you can reflect on the readings and enjoy the beautiful music of the choir. We hope you'll be able to attend. Mulled wine and mince pies available after the service.

The Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve in St Lawrence Church will be held at 1.30pm (with Makaton signing), 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 6pm. Come and see the nativity brought to life at this fantastic service. You may even get to meet a real donkey! All are warmly welcome.

Midnight Mass Services will be held at both St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond at 11.45pm. Come and share the peace and beauty of Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. All are warmly welcome.

Celebrate Christmas morning with services at 9:30am at St Lawrence Church, and at 11:30am at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond. All are warmly invited. Festive Christmas jumpers are welcome!

The items most needed by the Foodbank are: Cereals, milk (long life), fruit juice (long life), tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, custard, jam, tea / coffee, mashed potato, pasta, pasta sauces, biscuits / snack bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeney's. Thank you.**

On Sunday 28th December, there will be only one service in the parish - the 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church.

There will be no Coffee Morning at The Tin Church in January, the next one will be on Wednesday 4th February 10am - 12pm.



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