

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

23rd July 2023

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

**President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Revd. Helen Neville

**Reader:** David Staines

**9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

**President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Revd. Helen Neville

**Reader:** Kathryn Sanders

**Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn

**11.30am:** Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

**President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Revd. Helen Neville

**Reader:** Linda Ball

### Readings:

Genesis 28: 10 - 19a (P. 25)  
(Wisdom 12, 13: 16 - 19) (P. 596)  
(Romans 8: 12 - 25) (P. 153)  
Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 42 (P. 14)

### Hymns:

534: O for a thousand tongues to sing  
175: Come down o love divine  
442: God is love, let heaven adore him  
519: Make me a channel of your peace  
262: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

**5.00pm** BCP Evening Prayer

## 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). **Please note that the last broadcast from thesundayservice.org will be on 27th August 2023. We will however, still continue to livestream on Facebook.** 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:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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:

Jesus shares another parable involving sowers and seeds this week. Here, an 'enemy' sows weeds among the wheat. There have been many interpretations of the 'field:' is it the world entire; the church; or within the human heart? Jesus seems clear though, "the field is the world." The central point is that God is sovereign, but evil is real and has consequences in the world. Good and evil co-exist together, but will eventually be separated, and all that is evil will be judged and destroyed. And that which is good will live on.

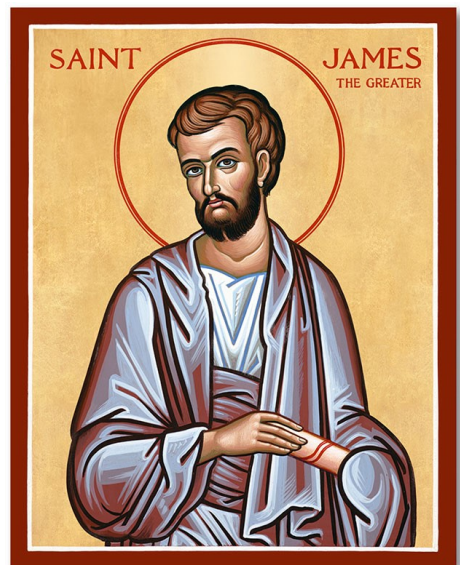
### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## James the Apostle

### 25 July

James, often called 'the Great', was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. The two brothers were with Jesus at his Transfiguration and with him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on his left and the other on his right when he came into his glory and they were present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James' martyrdom is believed to have taken place in the year 44.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the parish of All Saints, Oxhey
- For the PCC as it meets
- For those who will struggle with food poverty over the summer holidays
- For peace and justice in Ukraine

### 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; Heather Butcher;

## NEXT SUNDAY

30th July 2023

### The Eighth 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 Taizé Service

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 29: 15 - 28 (P. 26)  
1 Kings 3: 5 - 12 (P. 315)  
Romans 8: 26 - end (P. 154)  
Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52) (P. 14)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave Monday to Saturday. Helen is on annual leave Wednesday to Tuesday 1st August.

## THE COMING WEEK

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

### Monday 24th July

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Tuesday 25th July

10.15am Messy Church Planning Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

PCC Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

### Wednesday 26th July

11.15am Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*St Lawrence Church*

### Friday 28th July

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat  
*The Church of the Ascension*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*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](http://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](mailto:giving@abbotslangley.org.uk). Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**Autumn Fest 16th September** 11.00am - 4pm. We are still looking for some help to represent our two churches at Autumn Fest. If you are able to help please let Carol know.

**Bishop Alan will be opening his garden** on 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.

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).

**Patronal Festival 13th August 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 before **6th August** so that we can cater for the right amount of people. We are delighted 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.

**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. 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](mailto:David.adams31@ntlworld.com)

There will be **NO eucharist on Wednesday 26th July**.

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