

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

19th January 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
- Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church
- President:** Revd Helen Neville
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
Reader: Hazel Bulling
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of
the Ascension
- President:** Revd Helen Neville
Preacher: Sally Sanderson
Reader: Pam Rastall

Revd. Peter Waddell is taking the 10am service at St. Paul's, Langleybury (currently without a vicar).

Readings:

(Isaiah 62: 1 - 5) (P. 703)
1 John 5: 13 - 20 (P. 239)
John 2: 1 - 11 (P. 236)

Hymns:

558: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Psalm 19
604: Through all the changing scenes of life
383: Be still for the presence of the Lord
267: Thou, whose almighty word

- 5.00pm:** Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm:** Nameless Youth Group
The Breakspear Room

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!



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, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

PSALM 19.1-4,7-9,14:



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God.

Response:

The heavens are telling the glory of God

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

Response

They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world.

Response

The law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

Response

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

Response

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

POST COMMUNION:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

Response

ANTHEM:

May the Grace of Christ our Savior
Simon Lole

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

To the God whose wisdom made us,
To the Son who set us free,
To the sanctifying Spirit,
Glory, endless glory be.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the President-Elect and the United States of America
- For unity among Christians
- For our Sunday lunch club
- For the Nameless youth group

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Alan Alexander

FOR THE DEPARTED

Edith Calderwood; Alan Hawkes; Emlyn Parry; Lin Lythaby; Stephen Murray; Sandra Smalley

NEXT SUNDAY

19th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 3.30pm The Spark Service (with Baptism) at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Nehemiah 8: 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10 (P. 449)
1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a (P. 170)
Luke 4: 14 - 21 (P. 58)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday.
Helen is off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 20th January

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.00pm Funeral of Edith Calderwood

St Lawrence Church

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 21st January

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 22nd January

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir practice

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir practice

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 23rd January

Church office is closed

11.00am Burial of Ashes Joan Sanders

Garden of Remembrance

2.00pm - 4.00pm Bedmond Bells

Community Café

The Church of the Ascension

(Tin Church)

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 24th January

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 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

Join in the fun at the Sing a Long to Mary Poppins! Saturday 25th January at 6.00pm. Tickets £7 per person. Bring your own drinks. This is a fund raiser in aid of the Malawi Project. For tickets contact: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the church office 01923 261795

Friends and Faith returns this Thursday 23rd January in the Breakspear Room, when we'll be starting a six-week look at the Lord's Prayer. Give it a go: it's a great way to make friends at church and grow deeper in your relationship with God. Everyone welcome, ask Peter for more details.

Friends of St Lawrence: Evening out at La Banq, Monday 10th February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. After the great success of this fundraising event for the Friends last year, we are holding another evening at La Banq in February this year. Do come along and enjoy wonderful food and great hospitality at La Banq. £20pp for a two course meal. Buy your own drinks. For tickets contact Wendy Meldrum wendymeldrum@gmail.com or contact the Church Office on 01923 261795

Please return your **Christingle candles** packed with loose change for the Children's Society. Bring them to a service or drop them in at the parish office over the next three weeks, so we can send a big donation off to support this vital work.

Choral Evensong - Sunday 2nd February 5pm in St Lawrence Church, to mark the Feast of Candlemas. Come and discover the riches of the English Church music tradition, in the first of our monthly evensongs for 2025.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from January 18th to 25th. Please pray for all the churches in our parish, that friendship and co-operation may grow.

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