

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

5th October 2025

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Hilary Causer

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President: Revd Helen Neville
Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Emma Stratton

Intercessions: Maureen Finerty

11.30am Harvest Festival at the Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd Helen Neville

Reader: Pam Rastall

Readings St Lawrence:
Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4; 2: 1 - 4 (P. 886)
Luke 17: 5 - 10 (P. 77)

Bedmond:
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (P. 188)
John 6:25-35 (P. 94)

Hymns at St Lawrence:
543: O praise ye the Lord!
Psalm 137
348: We cannot measure how you heal
432: From heaven you came (Servant King)
538: O Jesus I have Promised

Hymns at Bedmond:
275: We plough the fields and scatter
251: All things bright and beautiful
260: Morning has broken
530: Now thank we all our God

5.00pm Breathing Space at St Lawrence Church

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-



Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.30am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

POST COMMUNION:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 137



By the wa - ters of Bab - y - lon we sat down and wept.

Response: *By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept.*

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.
As for our lyres, we hung them up on the willows that grow in that land.

Response

For there our captors asked for a song, our tormentors called for mirth: 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

Response

If I forget you O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Response

ANTHEM:

Faith, Hope and Love

J. Pachelbel & D. Ogden

Faith hope and love, let these remain among you.

Faith hope and love, the greatest of these is love.

The love of Christ has gathered us together, let us rejoice and be glad in him,
Let us love and fear the living God,
and love each other from the depths of our heart.

When we are together,
we should not be divided in mind,
Let there be an end to the bitterness and quarrels,
and in our midst be Christ our God.

In company with the blessed,
may we see your face in glory,
Pure and unbounded joy for ever and ever.

I give you a new commandment,
love one another,
Love one another as I have loved you.

Faith hope and love, let these remain among you.

Faith hope and love, the greatest of these is love.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Archbishop - Designate Sarah Mullally
- For St Michael's & All Angels, Watford
- For the Jewish community
- For all who find faith hard

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; Rob Sheppard; John Swallow; Pat Tuck; Bernard Eamer

FOR THE DEPARTED

David James; Marion Constable

NEXT SUNDAY

12th October 2025

Harvest Festival

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

11.00am Harvest Festival Service at St Lawrence Church

THERE WILL BE NO 11.30AM SERVICE AT BEDMOND

5.00pm Choral Evensong at St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 - 7 (P. 742)
2 Kings 5: 1 - 3, 7 - 15c (P. 346)
2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15 (P. 209)
Luke 17: 11 - 19 (P. 77)

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 6th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 7th October

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 8th October

11.00am Mothers' Union

Breakspear Room

12.00pm Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

3.30pm Messy Church

Methodist Church

6.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm FOSL Trustees Meeting

Breakspear Room

Thursday 9th October

**BREAKSPEAR ROOM CLOSED DURING
THE DAY
(FLOOR BEING CLEANED)**

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group

Breakspear Room

Friday 10th October

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

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

Friends and Faith returned on Thursday 25th September, with a six week course looking at the Creeds. Open to everyone who wants to make friends and explore the faith, and especially useful for anyone in being baptised or confirmed at the end of October. Speak to Peter to find out more...

Breathing Space takes place TODAY at 5:00pm in St Lawrence Church, with an open and thoughtful discussion on the topic: '*Is feminism still necessary?*' Everyone is warmly welcome and refreshments will be served.

12th October St Lawrence Harvest Festival service will be at 11am. There is a harvest lunch following the service. If you would like to come to the lunch please make sure you sign the list before 8th October so we can know numbers.

Baby Loss Awareness Week - drop in throughout the day to light a candle and join

us at 7pm for the global wave of light. St Lawrence Church, Wednesday 15th October 2pm - 7pm.

Friends of St Lawrence Quiz Night: 18th October 7pm Church Hall. See Wendy Meldrum for tickets. More details later!

Elsa Jean McTaggart in concert with Gary Lister - 'Caledonia', a selection of Scotland's finest folk, traditional music and more. Saturday 25th October 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Profits from the concert will go to the Malawi Project. Tickets £14. www.ticketsource.co.uk/flatpack or call 01923 444619.

Abbots Langley G & S Society's 75th Anniversary Concert - Many thanks to all who attended and supported last Saturday's brilliant concert. The proceeds of the concert, which amount to approximately £766, are to be shared evenly between the G&S Society and the Friends of St Lawrence Church. A very generous gesture by the G&S Society.

The Breakspear Room and toilets will be closed on Thursday 9th October all day. We will be deep cleaning the floor. The church will be open as usual but only via the main doors on the south side. Apologies for any inconvenience.

There will be no 11.30am service at Bedmond on Sunday 12th October due to the Harvest Festival service at St Lawrence Church.

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please contact Peter or Helen directly.**