

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

26th November 2023

CHRIST THE KING



## 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:** Jenny Sanders
- Intercessions:** Roland Maxted
- 11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of  
the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Linda Ball
- Readings:**  
Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24 (P. 816)  
(Ephesians 1: 15 - end) (P. 189)  
Matthew 25: 31 - end (P. 27)
- Hymns:**  
166: Crown him with many crowns  
589: The King of love  
525: Name of all majesty  
289: Christian people, raise your song  
398: Christ triumphant, ever reigning
- 5.00pm** Taizé Service

## 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.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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-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:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"We forget so readily what Christianity brought into the world; we are so used to it that we think it is obvious. In the ancient world there was absolutely no assumption that every life was precious.... and when all is said and done about how Christianity has so often failed in its own vision, the bare fact is that it brought about an irreversible shift in human culture. Human value could not be extinguished by violence or death; no-one could be forgotten." Rowan Williams, *Choose Life*

## Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland

### 30 November

Though Andrew is named among the apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, it is in John's gospel that most is learned about him. Andrew was a Galilean fisherman, mending his nets, when Jesus called him to follow him, which he promptly did. He then seems to have remained with Jesus until the end. He was there at the feeding of the five thousand and then later, when some Greeks in Jerusalem wanted to see Jesus, Philip brought them to Andrew who told Jesus of their desire. Tradition has him travelling on several missionary journeys and eventually being martyred by being crucified on an X-shaped cross. He became the patron saint of Scotland because of a legend that his relics had been brought there in the eighth century.

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### ANTHEM:

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord  
mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,

even lift them up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Composer: W. Mathias  
Text (from Psalm 24)

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Israel and Gaza, and conflict zones around the world
- For the parish of St. Peter's, Bushey Heath
- For the PCC as it meets
- For the people of Malosa, Malawi.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;  
Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly;  
Jan Sanders; Brian Andrews;

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Frances Kirkpatrick; Doreen Wilson;  
Nancy Jenkins; Ann Brown;

## NEXT SUNDAY

**3rd December 2023**

### The First Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 64: 1 - 9 (P).  
1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9 (P).  
Mark 13: 24 - end (P).

## AVAILABILITY

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

## THE COMING WEEK

### **Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer

*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### **Monday 27th November**

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

12.00pm Burial of Ashes John Finch  
*St Lawrence Churchyard*

1.45pm Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### **Tuesday 28th November**

11.00am Funeral of Doreen Wilson  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm PCC Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Wednesday 29th November**

11.15am Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

6.30pm Youth Choir  
*St Lawrence Church*

7.45pm Choir Rehearsal  
*Church Hall*

### **Thursday 30th November**

6.00pm Christmas Light Switch On  
*St Lawrence Churchyard*

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Friday 1st December**

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Saturday 2nd December**

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)  
*St Lawrence Churchyard*

3.00pm Wedding of Sam Smart and Stacey Fox  
*St Lawrence Church*

7.30pm Watford Band Christmas Concert  
*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](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.

**Women of the Old Testament.** This group continues to meet, Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!) in the Breakspear Room. Contact Helen for more info and pre-reading!

**Seniors Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 1pm @ St Saviours Parish Centre.** Bookings should be sent to St Saviours Parish Office by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. There is no set ticket price, but donations are accepted on the day for the food.

**Coffee rota** - 30th June could you help? We are grateful to all those who have joined the rota to provide coffee in the hall for us all after the 9.30am service. We have filled nearly all the gaps. We just need 2 more people to help us on 30th June. If you are not on the rota already could you help us just for one week?

**The all-age Christingle service will be on Sunday 10th December at 9.30am.** Each child will be given a Christingle to take home! All are very welcome to attend. **On Saturday 9th December** there is the children's Christmas workshop where the Christingles will be made, along with lots of other fun Christmas arts and crafts. If you would like to attend the workshop please contact the Church office: [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Christmas Lights Switch on** St Lawrence Churchyard, Thursday 30th November, 6.00pm. Come along and enjoy hot chocolate and good music whilst you wait for the lights to be switched on!

**The Watford Band Christmas concert** is on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm, featuring their development band Brass Beats. Adults £8, children free. Tickets on the door or in advance through Ticketsource: <https://ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband> or contact 07796 175838.

**All are welcome to our Advent Carol service** on 3rd December at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. There will be wonderful music, and the story of the King and his Kingdom being told in darkness and candlelight. Put the date in your diary!

**CTAL Street Carol Singing** - Saturday 9th December. All are welcome to meet outside the Hospice of St Francis charity shop at 10.30am. A soup and bread lunch will be served in the Methodist Church Hall at 12.00pm. Donations in aid of Crisis at Christmas.

**Coffee Morning at the Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)** on Wednesday 5th December, 10.00am - 12.00pm. All are welcome.

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