

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

26th October 2025

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Joan Sutton
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Jenny Sanders
- Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Helen Neville
- Reader:** Barbara Johnson
- Readings:**
Jeremiah 14: 7 - 10, 19 - end (P. 726)
(2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8, 16 - 18) (P. 211)
Luke 18: 9 - 14 (P. 78)
- Hymns:**
380: At the name of Jesus
411: Dear Lord and Father of mankind
589: The King of love my shepherd is
308: Just as I am
502: Light's abode, celestial Salem
- 3.30pm** The Spark Service 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:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

POST COMMUNION:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

ANTHEM:

Walk Humbly with your God

Joel Raney

What can I bring when I come before the Lord?
What gift, what offering, what perfect song to sing?

When I bow down before my God and King,
what can I offer, what can I bring?

Will the Lord be pleased if I offer all my silver and gold,
if I bring ten thousand rivers, all the wealth that I hold?
If I offer up burnt offerings, all the precious things I own,
if I place all my treasure at the foot of God's throne?

The Lord has shown you what is good
no gift, no sacrifice as great as God's command

to strive for justice, to act with mercy,
and to offer God the best that you can,
and to walk humbly with your God.

All that the Lord requires of you
is to walk humbly, humbly with your God.

To speak with kindness, to seek the truth,
to live and serve with mercy and compassion,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Simon & Jude, Apostles

28 October

Simon and Jude were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot', probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing the Roman occupation forces. There is no indication in the gospels whether Simon moved from the Zealot party to be a follower of Christ or, on the other hand, if after the resurrection he became a supporter of that group, seeing it as a response to God's call to proclaim the kingdom. Luke describes Jude as the son of James, while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddæus, which may have been a last name. Owing to the similarity of his name to that of Judas Iscariot, Jude was rarely invoked in prayer and it seems likely that because of this, interceding through him was seen as a final resort when all else failed. He became known, therefore, as the patron saint of lost causes. The two apostles are joined together on this day because a church, which had recently acquired their relics, was dedicated to their memory in Rome in the seventh century.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the newly baptised and confirmed
- For St Peter's, Watford
- For all who serve in local government
- For our emergency services

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Laya Watters; Richard Constable; Sandra Clarke; Wendy Ball; Julie Marsden; John Swallow; Pat Tuck; Bernard Eamer; Libby Davis; Mike White

FOR THE DEPARTED

Rob Sheppard

NEXT SUNDAY

2nd November 2025

All Saints Sunday

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| 8.00am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 9.30am | Eucharist at St Lawrence Church |
| 11.30am | Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension |
| 3.00pm | CTAL Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at St Saviour's Church |
| 5.00pm | Breathing Space at St Lawrence Church |
| 6.30pm | Nameless Youth Group in the Breakspear Room |

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 1: 10 - 18 (P. 640)
2 Thessalonians 1 (P. 203)
Luke 19: 1 - 10 (P. 79)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday and on annual leave Tuesday and Wednesday.
Helen is off on Thursday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

The Church office is closed

Monday - Friday

Monday 27th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 29th October

12.00pm Eucharist

Corpus Christi Chapel

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 30th October

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting

Breakspear Room

Friday 31st October

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

The Tin Church

12.30pm Funeral of Rob Sheppard

St Lawrence Church

4.00pm - 6.00pm Light up the Night

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 1st November

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

11.00am Christening of Cían and Rónán

Shortland McCabe

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 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

Kathy and Immy return to St Lawrence Church on Saturday 8th November at 5pm - back by popular demand, after last year's successful concert. A retiring collection will support the Malawi Project and Friends of St Lawrence. Cake and refreshments available after the concert for donations. All are welcome.

There will be a **CTAL Service for Thanksgiving and Remembrance** for the bereaved on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm in St Saviour's Church, The Crescent. Refreshments will be provided after the service. All are warmly welcome to attend.

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 Sweeneys. Thank you.**

Light Up the Night - Whether you're out trick-or-treating, or prefer something different on Halloween, come and join us for an evening of crafty fun! Friday 31st October 4 –6pm in St Lawrence Church. We'll have: Sweets & treats, light- and autumn-themed crafts, games for all ages. No spooky stuff – just a warm, welcoming space to celebrate light, community, and fun together. Everyone welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay for a while!

Malawi Container: We now have the date for packing and delivering items to the Malawi Container. We will be packing items on Wednesday 19th November in the Scout Hut. If you have items ready to send could you bring them to the Church office during the week before or contact Wendy Meldrum on: wendymeldrum@gmail.com. There will also be a box at the back of church for items as well. There are leaflets at the back of Church giving details of items needed by the hospital, school and community in Malosa. Please do take one.

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