

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

27th October 2024

BIBLE SUNDAY



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:** Alison Faulkner
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at the Church of
the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Wendy Ball
- Readings:**
(Isaiah 55 1 - 11) (P. 696)
2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4.5 (P. 210)
John 5: 36b - end (P. 93)
- Hymns:**
450: God, we praise you, God, we bless
you
604: Through all the changing scenes of
life
277: All for Jesus
308: Just as I am
563: Rejoice! The Lord is King
- 3.30pm:** The Spark Service
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!



Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the 9.30am service.



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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 for ever.

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:

We cannot measure how you heal

Scottish traditional melody arranged by M. Archer

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

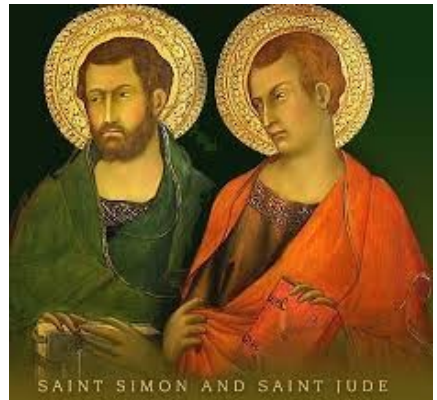
Simon & Jude, Apostles

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 all victims of abuse and exploitation
- For All Saints, South Oxhey and Carpenters Park
- For Our Bereavement Visitors
- For the United States of America

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Jo; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Stephen Murray; Frank Tilley; Wendy Westoby

FOR THE DEPARTED

Paul Birch; Liz Burns; John Thompson

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd November 2024

All Saints Sunday

- 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 Lawrence Church
- 5.00pm Breathing Space; Saints - do we believe in them?

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25: 6 - 9 (P. 662)
Revelation 21: 1 - 6a (P. 257)
John 11: 32 - 44 (P. 102)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave Monday - Friday
Helen is off on Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 28th October

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 30th October

Church office is closed

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Practise

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 31st October

Church office is closed

4pm - 6pm Light up the Night

St Lawrence Church

Friday 1st November

Church office is closed

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Elsa Jean McTaggart in Concert

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 2nd November

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

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 Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Elsa Jean McTaggart with Gary Lister - Hebridean Fire. Friday 1st November 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Profits from the concert will go to the Malawi Project. Tickets £14.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/flatpacktheatre
or call 01923 444619

Immy and Kathy in Concert - Saturday 30th November 5pm in St Lawrence Church. Soprano songs, classical, musical and modern. Retiring collection for the Friends of St Lawrence and the Malawi Project. Cake and refreshments available for a donation afterwards.

If you would like to sing in the Christmas services (Advent, Nine Lessons, Midnight Mass especially), please drop Marianne an email. Christmas rehearsals will be starting very soon and we would love to encourage some of our musical congregation to be involved, who aren't regularly in the choir! directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk

Light up the Night - Looking for a warm and welcoming stop while you're out trick-or-treating? Drop in to St Lawrence Church for some light-themed crafts, fun games, hot chocolate, and, of course, a treat or two to take home! Thursday 31st October 4pm-6pm.

There will be a **CTAL Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance** for the bereaved on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm in St Lawrence Church. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

Breathing Space - Saints - do we believe in them? Sunday 3rd November 5.00pm in St Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

Pockets of Light Event - Saturday 9th November 6.00pm - 9.00pm St Lawrence Church. Come along and enjoy an evening of creative lighting design. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Revd Helen Neville is at the 10.00am service at St Mary's Watford this morning, as they are in vacancy.

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