

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

**5th April 2026**  
**EASTER DAY**



## TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Hilary Causer
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Phill Higgs
- Intercessions:** Maureen Finerty
- 11.30am** Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Pam Rastall
- Readings:**  
Acts 10: 34 - 43 (P. 126)  
Colossians 3: 1 - 4 (P. 198)  
John 20: 1 - 18 (P. 111)
- Hymns:**  
157: The day of resurrection  
Psalm 150  
147: Jesus Christ is risen today  
See What a Morning (separate sheet)  
153: Now the green blade riseth  
160: Thine be the glory
- 5.00pm** BCP Evening Prayer 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](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 hall after the 9.30am service**



[www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://www.abbotslangley.org.uk)

## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### POST COMMUNION:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ANTHEM:

#### Most glorious Lord of life

*William Harris*

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou didst die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live forever in felicity;

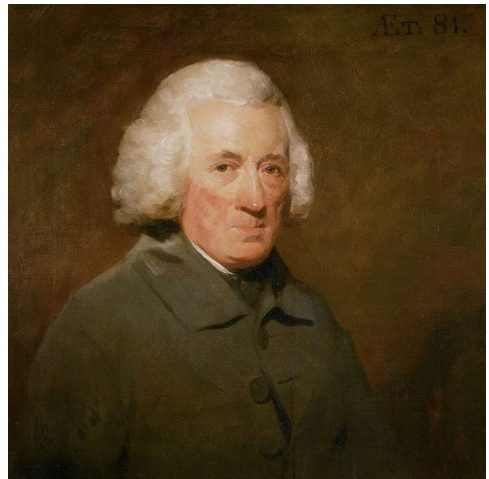
And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

## William Law, Priest

### 10 April

Born at Kings Cliffe in Northamptonshire in 1686, William Law was educated at Emmanuel College Cambridge and, after ordination as a deacon, became a fellow of the College in 1711. When George I came to the throne in 1714, William declined to take the Oath of Allegiance, being a member of the Non-Juror party who believed the anointed but deposed monarch James II and his heirs should occupy the throne. He lost his fellowship but in 1728 he was made a priest and in the same year published *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, which much influenced such people as Samuel Johnson and John and Charles Wesley. In it he stresses the moral virtues, a personal prayer life and asceticism. He returned to Kings Cliffe in 1740, where he led a life of devotion and simplicity and caring for the poor. He remained there the rest of his life and died on this day in the year 1761.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For parish of All Saints Leavesden
- For all involved in the work of Safeguarding
- For the work of the YMCA
- For the people of Malosa, Malawi

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Christopher Seabrook; Sandra Clarke; Bernard Eamer; Clive Moon; William Kimber; Joan Harding; Sophie Bellamy; John Davis

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 12th April 2026**

### The Second Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension (Tin Church)
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at St Lawrence Church

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32 (P. 115)  
1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 (P. 229)  
John 20: 19 - end (P. 112)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is on annual leave  
Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th

## THE COMING WEEK

**Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer

*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

*Church office is closed all week*

### **Monday 6th April**

9.30am Holy Communion

*St Lawrence Church*

11.00am Easter Monday Pilgrimage to

St Albans Abbey

*Leave from St Lawrence Car Park*

### **Tuesday 7th April**

8.00pm Blokes

*Breakspear Room*

### **Wednesday 8th April**

11.00am Mothers' Union

*Breakspear Room*

12.00pm Eucharist

*St Lawrence Church*

2.30pm Messy Church

*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

*St Lawrence Church*

### **Friday 10th April**

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Craft and Chat

*The Tin Church*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

*Breakspear Room*

### **Saturday 11th April**

11.00am Christening of Rose and

Vincent Course

*St Lawrence Church*

2.00pm Wedding of Stephanie Jaques and

Daniele Denyer

*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 or scan the QR code. 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: [churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**It was wonderful to bring several candidates to the Cathedral for confirmation** yesterday evening. Warmest congratulations to Teresa Fitzgibbon, Edward Johnston, Craig French, Anthony Batchelor, Terry Chiles, Mike Davis and Sam Waddell.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans:** Holy communion 9:30am in St Lawrence Church. Leave car park at 11am. We expect to reach St Albans Abbey at 1pm - you are welcome to meet us there. Bring a packed lunch for the Abbey Orchard. We will process into the Abbey at 2:30pm for the 3pm service. The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond will be open 11am–2pm for refreshments for those walking from elsewhere.

**The Foodbank** wishes to thank everyone at St Lawrence for such generous donations, including some delicious Easter goodies. The Foodbank always need **tins** of the following: meat, vegetables and fruit. They would also really appreciate donations of toiletries, especially sanitary towels/tampons. If you can donate, please leave at the back of the Church. Thank you.

**April's Messy Church** will take place at St Lawrence Church on Wednesday 8th April featuring our usual Easter Treasure Hunt in the church grounds. We'll meet at 2:30pm and finish with a party tea. Everyone is welcome! It's free (donations welcome). Please let us know if you're coming so we can prepare crafts and food. Contact: [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com)

**Friends of St Lawrence Wine Tasting Evening:** Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm, St Lawrence Church Hall. Join us for a delightful evening hosted by **Dalling & Co. of Kings Langley**. Their expert team will guide us through a selection of wines, sharing insights, stories, and a touch of entertainment along the way. Tickets £25 per person To reserve your place, please contact: Wendy Meldrum [wendymeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:wendymeldrum@gmail.com)

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Vicar:** Revd Dr Peter Waddell 07552 359046  
Email: [vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer:** Roxanne Yau  
[safeguarding@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Churchwardens:** Tom Betteridge and Richard Baldwin ([churchwardens@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@abbotslangley.org.uk))

**Director of Music:** Marianne Chapman  
Email: [directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Church Office Opening Times:**  
10.00am until 12.30pm Mon - Fri - 01923 261795  
Email: [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk)

Like us on



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