

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

8th October 2023

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / HARVEST FESTIVAL



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

11.00am Harvest Festival at St
Lawrence Church

**President:
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
Revd. Helen Neville

Readings at St Lawrence:

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7 (P. 644)

(Philippians 3: 4b - 14) (P. 195)

Matthew 21: 33 - end (P. 22) (8.00am)

Luke 12: 16 - 21 (P. 71) (11.00am)

11.30am Morning Prayer at the
Church of the Ascension

Officiant: Carol Higgs

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings at the Church of the Ascension:

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7 (P. 644)

Matthew 21: 33 - end (P. 22)

Hymns at the Church of the Ascension

411: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

458: Have faith in God, my heart

383: Be still for the presence of the Lord

398: Christ Triumphant, ever reigning

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

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 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-aid users.



Refreshments will be served in the Breakspear Room after the 11.00am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Eternal God you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

BIBLE NOTES:

The parable of the vineyard (the Gospel at 8am and Bedmond today!) is sometimes a tricky one – read, as it has been, with the Jews as the wicked tenants kicked out of the vineyard for their murderous rebellion, with the virtuous Christians taking over as the new keepers of the vineyard. It's a misreading: remember that the 'Christians' Matthew wrote for were mostly Jews themselves, and moreover that the parable is explicitly aimed against sections of the Jewish leadership rather than the people as a whole. It's a misreading that also conveniently lessens the relevance of the parable to us as a church and as individuals ... in what ways might *we* be behaving as if we were owners, and not tenants, of the church and of our lives?

Paulinus, First Bishop of York

10 October

Born in the latter part of the sixth century, probably in Italy, Paulinus was among the second group of monks sent by Pope Gregory to England to assist Augustine in his work. He went with the party that accompanied Ethelburga to Northumbria, where she was to marry the king, Edwin, who subsequently took his wife's Christian faith as his own. Paulinus built the first church in York in about the year 627 and was its first bishop. He travelled much north and south of the Humber, building churches and baptising new Christians. He had to flee for his life, however, when Edwin was killed in battle by the pagan king, Penda of Mercia, and Paulinus became Bishop of Rochester. He died on this day in the year 644.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For parish of St. Mary's, Watford
- For those attending the Gravetalk event, and for all struggling with mortality and bereavement.
- For the Deanery and Diocesan Synods as they meet.
- For Messy Church.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Doreen Wilson;
Ray Wicks; Jo;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Pamela Shepherd; Margaret Gurney; Mavis Boarder; Diana Wernham;

NEXT SUNDAY

15th October 2023

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at The Church
of the Ascension

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 32: 1 - 14 (P.)
Isaiah 25: 1 - 9 (P.)
Philippians 4: 1 - 9 (P.)
Matthew 22: 1 - 14 (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 9th October

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

7.00pm Gravetalk
Henderson Hub

Wednesday 11th October

11.00am Mothers' Union
Breakspeare Room

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

3.30pm Messy Church
Methodist Church

6.30pm Youth Choir
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 12 October

12.30pm Bible Group - Women in the Old
Testament
Breakspeare Room

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 13th October

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

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

Saturday 14th October

7.00pm Friends of St Lawrence Quiz
Church Hall

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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Baby Loss Awareness Week will be marked on Sunday 15th October, 2.00pm to 7.00pm, St Lawrence Church. Drop in throughout the day to light a candle and join us at 7.00pm for the Global Wave of Light. **There will be no 5.00pm Evening Prayer on this day.**

The Malawi Project Gourmet Dinner with Entertainment - Saturday 18th November 2023 doors open at 7.00pm. £18.50 per person. Table of 6 or join another table. 100% of money raised will go to Malawi Projects. Tickets available from Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or David Adams: david.adams31@ntlworld.com

Christian Aid Fundraising Meal at Abbots Tandoori. Monday 6th November at 7.00pm.

£20.00 per person. Tickets available from Peter Jowsey: 01923 268552 or book online at: <https://tinyurl.com/klmeal>

After a successful Gravetalk event in the summer another Gravetalk will be held on Monday 9th October, 7.00pm in the Henderson Hub. To book your place or for more information email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com
Places are now very limited.

Women of the Old Testament: A new daytime bible group has started, which will be looking at some of the women of the Old Testament. Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!), Breakspear Room.

Job Vacancy at Watford Foodbank - Foodbank Manager - this is a new, full-time, salaried role based at the administrative Hub, Imperial Way, Watford, working 9.00am—5.00pm Monday to Friday. £30,000 per annum. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023, start date January 2024. For a full job description and further enquiries, please email: trustees@watford.foodbank.org.uk

We are looking for two extra helpers to help at Sunday coffee after the 9.30am service. This would be roughly every 6 weeks. If you are able to help please contact the Church Office: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk or 01923 261795. Thank you.

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Brenda Southorn and the Friday Singers** for their wonderful concert on Friday 29th September. £120.00 was donated to our parish from the proceeds of this concert.

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