

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

18th June 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Nigel Higgs

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: John Noonan

Readings:

Genesis 18: 1 - 15 (21: 1 - 7) (P. 14)

(Romans 5: 1 - 8) (P. 151)

Matthew 9: 35 - 10.8 (9 - 23) (P. 9)

Hymns:

250: All creatures of our God and King

411: Dear Lord and Father

470: I the Lord of sea and sky

581: Take my life, and let it be

386: Be thou my vision

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

6.30pm The Nameless Youth Group

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive communion in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are very welcome to receive a blessing. Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.



Seekers - This group for primary school aged children meets during the service every week, except at our all-age service, which is on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone welcome, please ask a welcomer for details.

Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.thesundayservice.org). Welcome to all those taking part from home: if you would like an order of service to follow please contact the parish office. 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:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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BIBLE NOTES:

Genesis 18, with the strange appearance of God in the form of three men, has unsurprisingly been read by Christians as a foreshadowing of the revelation of God as Trinity which would come in the New Testament. Whatever the merit of that reading, it's not the prime focus of the Old Testament passage, which is rather the promise to Abraham that against all natural expectation his line will continue through Sarah. The son eventually born to them was called Isaac—'laughter' - because the promise seemed so comically unrealistic. It is the beginning of a pattern in the Bible of God bringing new possibilities where human hope would have given up.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

'Almighty and Everlasting God' (Gibbons)
Almighty and everlasting God, look mercifully upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alban, First Martyr of Britain

22 June

Alban was a soldier in the Roman city of Verulamium (now St Albans) who gave shelter to a Christian priest fleeing from persecution, hiding him in his house for several days. Greatly influenced by his devotion to prayer, Alban received instruction from the priest and was converted. When the priest's hiding-place was discovered, Alban dressed himself in the priest's cloak and was arrested in his place. Tortured by the Roman authorities, Alban refused to renounce his faith. He was beheaded on this day, probably in the year 250, and so became the first British martyr. His shrine stands today as a place of pilgrimage in the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For St John's, Watford as their vicar moves on
- For all who work in the criminal justice system
- For victims and perpetrators of crime
- For the work of aid agencies throughout the world
- For Soul Survivor Church, Watford

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Judy Hill; David Southorn;
James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville;
Sandra McIntosh

NEXT SUNDAY

25th June 2023

The Second Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm Taizé Service

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 21:8 - 21 (P. 17)
Jeremiah 20: 7 - 13 (P. 733)
Romans 6: 1b - 11 (P. 152)
Matthew 10: 24 - 39 (P. 10)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 19th June

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 21st June

10.00am Bedmond Bells Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Mothers' Union St Albans

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 22nd June

12.30pm Burial of Ashes Margaret Biggerstaff

Garden of Remembrance

8.00pm Pilgrim Course

Breakspear Room

Friday 23rd June

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

6.15pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 24th June

12.00pm Church Fete

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

Gravetalk - A café space to talk about death, dying and funerals. Tuesday 27th June 7.30pm, Henderson Hub. To book a free space email: bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com

Church Fete—24th June 12 noon – 3pm
Please can you sign up to help at the Church Fete. The flip chart is at the back of church or offers of help to Carol churchwarden1@abbotslangley.org.uk 0779 190 1750

We are rather short of **prizes for the Tombola stall at the Fete!** If you can donate a bottle or other suitable prize, please drop them off at the Church office before Wednesday. Thank you.

Friends' Fish & Chip Supper: Many thanks to everyone who supported our recent Fish & Chip Supper & Entertainment. The evening raised a fantastic £713, including a heavy £178 in coins in the collection buckets. This will be used to help maintain and improve our Church building. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Helen Neville's Ordination will be held on Saturday 1st July at 5.00pm in St Albans Abbey. We are asking people to car share and there is a sheet at the back of Church for you to sign. All are welcome. **Sunday 2nd July** will see Helen's first services in the parish. There will be no service at Bedmond that day, instead all are invited to the Church Hall for a welcome party with fizz and cake after the 9.30am service.

Malawi Sponsored Swim: Wendy Meldrum is doing a sponsored swim for Malawi. 10th - 16th July. Sponsor forms at the back of Church ... please support by sponsoring this swimming challenge!

Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society are performing a lighthearted show full of amusing songs from Thursday 22nd - Saturday 24th at Henderson Hub at 7.30 (2.30 Sat matinee). Participants from St Lawrence are Kathy Bunting, Janet Feigenbaum, Alex Horrox-White, Brenda Southorn and Emma Stratton. It will be a fun evening with tap dancing, singing and a very old fairy!

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

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