

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

31st March 2024
EASTER DAY



TODAY

6.30am Sunrise Service
Bedmond Playing Fields

Leader: Sally Sanderson

8.00am Easter Day Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President: Revd. Peter Waddell

Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Easter Day Eucharist
at St Lawrence Church

President: Revd. Peter Waddell

Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Nigel Higgs

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am Easter Day Service at the
Church of the Ascension

President: Revd. Peter Waddell

Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Janette Noonan

Readings:

Acts 10:34 - 43 (P. 126)

(Isaiah 25:6-9) (P. 662)

John 20: 1 - 18 (P. 111)

Hymns:

157: The day of resurrection

147: Jesus Christ is risen today

140: Christ is Alive

153: Now the green blade riseth

160: Thine be the glory

3.30pm Easter 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!



Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall and there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the Church after the 9.30am service.



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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 PRAYER:

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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"Death seems to challenge the idea of an eternally faithful God; and it poses an obvious difficulty for any idea that God wants to develop with us a relationship that is always growing and developing. It looks as if death means that our relationship with God comes to a halt, as if God eventually treats us as disposable. But if we see in Jesus' resurrection the confirmation that God is faithful, we can face death differently - not because it has stopped mattering or even hurting, not because we have assurance that we shall carry on as before (we shan't), but because God has not finished with us. We have more to receive from him, and he will create the conditions that will make it possible for us to receive." Rowan Williams

Frederick Denison Maurice

1 April

Born into a Unitarian family in 1805, Frederick Maurice became an Anglican in his twenties and was then ordained. He was one of the founders of the Christian Socialist Movement, in which his particular concern was providing education for working men. As a theologian, Maurice's ideas on Anglican comprehensiveness have remained influential. His best-remembered book, *The Kingdom of Christ*, demonstrated his philosophical approach to theology. His radicalism was revealed in his attack on traditional concepts of hell in *Theological Essays*, which cost him his Professorship at Kings College, London, in 1853. In 1866, however, he was given a chair in Cambridge, which he held until his death on this day in 1872.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all who live in fear of death
- For victims of violence and oppression throughout the world
- For the persecuted church
- For all at risk of losing hope

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Ray Wicks; Jo; Holly; Bishop Alan; The King; Sean Furlong; Tony Neville; The Princess of Wales; James Mote; Stephen Maxted; Christopher Seabrook;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Alan Bland; Steve Laidler;

NEXT SUNDAY

7th April 2024

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
- 5.00pm Breathing Space - 'Patriotism' at St Lawrence Church
- 6.30pm Nameless Youth Group St Lawrence Church Hall

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

(Exodus 14: 10 - end; 15: 20 - 21) (P. 62)
Acts 4: 32 - 35 (P. 117)
John 20: 19 - end (P. 112)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is on leave from 2nd - 10th April (excluding 6th and 7th April)
Helen is off on Friday 5th April.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 1st April

The Church Office is closed

9.00am Easter Monday Pilgrimage Communion
St Lawrence Church

11.00am Walk to St Albans Abbey

Meet in Church Hall car park

Tuesday 2nd April

The Church Office is closed

Wednesday 3rd April

The Church Office is closed

10.00am Coffee Morning

Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

There will be no 12.00pm Eucharist today

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 4th April

The Church Office is closed

Friday 5th April

The Church Office is closed

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

Church of the Ascension

12.15pm Redbourn U3A

Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

Saturday 6th April

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

10.45am - 11.30am Visiting Bell Ringers

St Lawrence Church

12.00pm Christening of Lila McShannon

St Lawrence Church

1.00pm Christening of Brody Wakefield

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.

There will be no coffee morning on Easter Monday.

Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM - This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 8.00pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. At this meeting we elect our churchwardens and new members of the PCC. If you are interested in becoming a Churchwarden, joining the PCC or one of the committees then speak to Peter, Helen or one of the Churchwardens.

Malawi Event: A concert with Stratosfrere: Saturday 13th April

We welcome back this amazing cover band for another excellent evening of music. They also write their own songs and play a wide variety of music from the 60's/70's to present day. Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start. Tickets: £12.50pp. Come along and support.

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall: Bushey Mill Lane, Watford, WD24 7TF

Contact Wendy Meldrum:

wendymeldrum@gmail.com or church office: 01923 261795.

The flyer at the back of church for "Items to Malawi" has been revised and updated. Please take a look! Malawi trip in May - Please see flyers at the back of Church with lists of items needed in the Hospital, nurseries and school in Malosa. In particular, we are collecting PPE for the hospital (disposable gloves, masks and aprons), children's clothes and knitted jumpers for the nurseries, Maths equipment (calculators, protractors, compasses etc) for the school. Please take a look at the full list at the back of Church and let us know if you are able to donate. You can contact the team or take your items to the Church Office during office hours in the morning. Contact: Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com Thank you!

Job vacancy - Safeguarding Administrator - The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org)

The job is central to our Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will be supporting the very important safeguarding training programme. 21 hours a week (4-5 hours over 4-5 days). Flexibility to work part from home and part from Holywell Lodge, St Albans. Deadline for applications are 12pm on 8th April 2024.

<https://www.stalbandsdiocese.org/vacancies/safeguarding-administrator/>

Coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension (The Tin Church) - Wednesday 3rd April 10.00am - 12.00pm. All are welcome.

If you haven't bought your tickets for "Deckchairs", the latest Abbots Langley Player's production, please pick up a flier from the back of the church for more details. Come and enjoy.

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Church Office Opening Times:

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