

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

15th May 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



## TODAY

**8.00am** Eucharist at St Lawrence

**President & Preacher:** Maxine Howarth

**Reader:** Tom Betteridge

**9.30 am** Eucharist at St Lawrence

**President: Preacher:** Bishop Stephen Venner

**Reader:** Gillian Furphy

**Intercessions:** Sally Sanderson

### Readings:

Acts 11: 1-18 (p. 126)

(Rev 21.1-6) (p. 257)

John 13.31-35 (p. 105)

### Hymns:

250 All creatures of our God and King

157 The day of resurrection

278 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

308 Just as I am

609 To God be the glory

**11.15am** Eucharist at Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

**President & Preacher:** Brian Hibberd

**5.00pm** BCP Evening Prayer

**6.30pm** 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.



**Seekers**—our group for primary school aged children meets during the service. Everyone welcome, please ask a welcomer for details.

Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.facebook.com/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.

Contact the Church Office on 01923 261795, by Facebook message, or by emailing: [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk).

Please join us for  
tea and coffee in  
the Church Hall  
after the 9.30am  
Service.



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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty God who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### READINGS:

Acts 11: 1-18 (p. 126)

(Rev 21.1-6) (p. 257)

John 13.31-35 (p. 105)

### BIBLE NOTES:

“Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”. Words from our gospel reading today that many people will be familiar with. The command to love is not a new one - it's something that is represented through many of the laws in the Old Testament. What is this love that we are called to? It is the love that Jesus has shown to us, his followers. We are to reflect back what we have received, and in doing that, we will reflect the God whom we believe in. Christians are people who know that God is love, and he loved each one of us before we were lovely or worthy! What an amazing gift to reflect that to those who we meet.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury around 910 into a noble family. He received a good education and spent time at the court of the King of Wessex. A saintly uncle urged him to enter the monastic life; he delayed, but followed the advice in time, on recovering from an illness. Returning to Glastonbury, Dunstan lived as a monk, devoting his work time to creative pursuits: illuminating, music, and metalwork. In 943 the new king made him abbot, and this launched a great revival of monastic life in England. Starting with Glastonbury, Dunstan restored discipline to several monasteries and promoted study and teaching. Under two later kings, he rose to political and ecclesiastical eminence, being chief minister and Archbishop of Canterbury under King Edgar. This enabled him and his followers to extend his reforms to the whole English Church. In 970 he fell from political favour but continued as archbishop, preaching and teaching. He died in 988.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the people of Ukraine
- For all involved in diplomacy and peace building
- Please pray for all who are affected by illness or bereavement
- For all those still struggling with covid
- For all those planning Platinum Jubilee events

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED  
Henry Bremer; Emma; Hilary Martin; Val Pearce; Keith; Philip Bolitho-Jones; Simon Smalley; Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves.

FOR THE DEPARTED  
Patricia Lakey  
Tony Manning

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 22nd May 2022**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.15am Eucharist at Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 16: 9-15 (p. 132)  
(Rev 21:10: 22-25) (p. 257)  
John 14: 23-29 (p. 106)

## AVAILABILITY

Maxine is off on Friday and Saturday

## THE COMING WEEK

**Monday—Saturday, 9.15am**  
Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

**Monday 16th May**

1.45pm Tiny Tots  
*In Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

8.00pm Zoom Bible Study

**Wednesday 18th May**

11.15am 'Time for God'  
Contemplative Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

12 noon Eucharist  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
*In Church*

**Friday 20th May**

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat  
*The Tin Church*

2pm Craft and Conversation  
*In Breakspear Room*

6pm Youth Choir  
*In Breakspear Room*

**Saturday 21st May**

11.00am Spring Music Concert  
The Southorn and Stratton Family  
All thing's 'S' songs from the shows  
(Refreshments from 10.30am)  
*In Church*

# Notices...

## Service of Celebration and Strawberry Tea - 4th June 3pm

We will be holding a service of celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June @ 3pm to which everyone is invited. After the service there will be a strawberry tea which will be a ticketed event. Tickets £3 each from the Church Office or from Carol Higgs, can be purchased up until 31st May.

**Helpers needed for the monthly Traidcraft Sale** - are you able to join a monthly rota for the sale of Traidcraft Products? If so, please contact Norman Meldrum: 07817 949604 or email: [normanjmeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:normanjmeldrum@gmail.com). The regular date of the sale has been on the first Sunday of each month, though this can be changed if necessary and can be flexible. Traidcraft sales ensures fairtrade with the producer and also helps our church funds.

**Bedmond Bells Jubilee themed coffee morning** Tuesday 31st May 10.00am—12.00pm. Book stalls, homemade cakes, plants, bric a brac. All welcome.

**Christian Aid Week - 15th - 21st May.** If you would like to make a donation to Christian Aid you will find envelopes at the back of the Church which can then be left in the office with your donation. You can also give by using our contactless machine, which will be set up to accept donations for Christian Aid from Sunday 15th May until Sunday 22nd May.

## SPRING CONCERTS ARE BACK!

I am delighted to announce that the fund-raising Spring Concerts will be happening again this year:

**11am May 21<sup>st</sup> Southorn/Stratton Family – All things 'S'.** Songs from Musical Theatre plus clarinet, saxophone and ukulele.

Refreshments from 10.30am.

£5 per ticket.

**7pm May 28<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army.**  
Retiring collection.

**Please put these dates in your diary.**

## Ascension Day Thursday 26th May.

This is an important day for the **Church of the Ascension Bedmond**. It is the patronal festival. **There will be a service at 8pm at the Tin Church.** If you usually worship at the Tin Church we hope you will be there to celebrate and if you normally worship at St Lawrence then please come along. It would be great to have a full church for this important service.

**Unfortunately, the Foodbank cannot accept perishable foods e.g. ready made meals or food that has been opened and then re-sealed. Many thanks.**

**The Tin Church coffee morning** is on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am to 12 noon.

## CONTACT NUMBERS

### Vicar:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell 07552 359046  
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(Peter is currently on sabbatical leave, therefore, please contact Maxine Howarth or the Church Office).

### Curate:

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### Assistant Priest:

The Revd Brian Hibberd  
via the Church Office

### Reader:

Mrs Sally Sanderson - 01923 265963

### Safeguarding:

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### Church Office Opening Times:

10.00am until 12.30pm Mon-Fri - 01923 261795  
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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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