

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



2nd May 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence  
President: Revd. Peter Waddell  
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell  
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence with  
Baptism of Mollie Rose Jee  
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth  
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Hannah Stokes  
Intercessions: Brian Hibberd

11.15am Eucharist at the Tin Church  
President: Revd. Peter Waddell  
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Readings: (Gen. 22: 1-18), 1 Cor. 15: 29-34  
John. 10: 7-10

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)  
at St Lawrence

### CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Please feel free to light a candle and pray but do observe the correct social distancing rules. Be aware of social distancing not only next to you, but behind you and in front of you.

Please could we ask that you use the hand sanitizer provided and do not touch anything you don't need to.

Please do not enter any of the areas which are blocked as these are not cleaned regularly.

We will be open from 09.30 to 16.30 Monday to Saturday and 11.00 to 16.30 on a Sunday.

## 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 sidesperson before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer.



A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



**The pre-pandemic timetable of Sunday services has now resumed at both St. Lawrence and the Tin Church.**

It remains essential to book in for all services, via the Parish Office.

Please note that unless you are exempt, face masks remain mandatory. Unfortunately due to Government Guidelines, there will be no congregational singing. For the moment, communion continues using the bread only.

If medical reasons prevent you from attending church, and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

As always you can still contact us via FB, or the Church Office on 01923 261795 or email: [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk).

## 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:**

(Gen. 22: 1-18)

1 Cor. 15: 29-34

John. 10: 7-10

**BIBLE NOTES:** We continue working our way through Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, **1 Corinthians 15**, coming this week to verses 29-34. Having set out the historical testimony to the resurrection, and explained why it is so fundamental to the Gospel, Paul now pauses to ask – what would it mean for Christian living if the sceptics were right and there was no resurrection? Not only would some aspects of worship not make sense anymore (we're not quite sure what exactly 'baptism for the dead' was, but it seems to have been an act performed for the dead, from which they could benefit – which won't happen if death has ended them), but Paul thinks the foundations of Christian ethics would be undermined. It's not so much that the only thing motivating good conduct is the fear of punishment after death: more that if we really are on our way to an astounding and glorious destiny, that is necessarily going to shape how we live now. And if we really are headed for nothing .... that conviction also will bear its fruit in practice.

**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.

### Christian Aid Week 10th—16th May

If you are able to donate, please pick up an envelope at the back of Church



### Wine and Wondering

**Tuesday May 18th on ZOOM, 8pm**

Does the Resurrection leave you scratching your head?

There might be a thousand questions in your mind: should Christians believe in ghosts? Do animals go to Heaven? Just how good is the evidence for Jesus' resurrection anyway? Why can't we see the risen Jesus now like people did then? Might there be anything in spiritualism..... and many, many more.

Here's the chance to ask them, and explore some of the answers.

Pour yourself a glass of wine, and join others on Zoom from the comfort of your own home, and ask your question!

Please contact the Parish Office for the link.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Please pray:

- \* For Mollie Rose Jee who is being Baptised today
- \* For Christopher and Louise whose banns will be read for the next 3 Sundays
- \* For all those standing for election to public office this week.
- \* For all those suffering from mental illness
- \* For Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy and the new lead Chaplain, David Scourfield.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED  
Henry Bremer; Emma; James Mote; Sean Brosnan; Holly; Steve; Patricia Lakey; Hugo; Pat; Kathy Bunting; Hannah; Josh; Olivia; Laura; Audrey Lockyer; Marion Constable; Doreen; Roy Jenner

FOR THE DEPARTED  
Michael Beedle; Mark Palmer; Leslie Little; Ena McCalla; Constance Wilson

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 9th May**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence  
9.30am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence  
11.15am: Eucharist at The Tin Church  
6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP) at St. Lawrence

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

(Is. 55:1-11)  
1 Cor. 15: 35-49  
Luke. 7: 11-17

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday  
Maxine's day off is Friday

## THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday (Today)

The Nameless Youth Group  
5pm Manor House Park

### Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*  
All Welcome - also livestreamed

### Wednesday

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

12 noon Eucharist  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Friday

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal  
*In the Church Hall*



## Notices...

The Diocese are seeking an Estates Administrative Assistant for their busy property department, which manages clergy housing and investment properties in support of parish ministry. Experience of working within a property management environment would be advantageous, and good IT skills are essential. It is a full time position working at Holywell Lodge. Further details can be found at [www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/).

The Parish Office is open between the hours of 10.00am to 12.30pm Monday-Friday.

Remember: the pandemic isn't quite done with yet. Please consider whether you need to visit the office in person, and remember to bring a mask if you do.

**Traidcraft** - Norman Meldrum will order Traidcraft Products for you. Look on-line at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk). Orders will be added together to avoid delivery charges and

our church will benefit from the margin of at least 10%. Please provide Norman with the full product description, including size and be sure to provide your contact details, particularly your phone number. Orders please to [normanjmeldrum@gmail.com](mailto:normanjmeldrum@gmail.com) (preferred) or by phone on 01923 267383.

Do you have any free-standing clothes rails you would be happy to give to the Abbots Langley Players, which is moving its vast clothing and props store. Many thanks. Any offers to Pat Hibberd:

Tel: 01923 267391

Email: [pathibberd@talktalk.net](mailto:pathibberd@talktalk.net)



## Foodbank...

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food for us to take to the Watford Foodbank.

The items we most need at the moment are:

Tinned fruit

Instant mashed potato

Tinned tomatoes/tinned vegetables

Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)

Tinned rice pudding/custard

Packets of jelly or sponge puddings

Long-life fruit juice/Long life milk

Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread

Jars of pasta sauce

Tinned meat

Little chocolate bars and sweet treats

## CONTACT NUMBERS

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The Revd Angela Milton

via the Church Office

### Assistant Priest:

The Revd Guy Buckler

via the Church Office

### 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:

10.00 am to 12.30 pm Mon-Fri - 01923 261795

Email: [adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk)

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

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