

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



14th February 2021
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

TODAY

9.30 am Eucharist at St Lawrence

President: The Revd Maxine Howarth
Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12
2 Cor. 4.3-6
Mark 9. 2-9

The 9.30am Sunday Eucharist will be live streamed every week via our YouTube Platform [TheSundayService.org](https://thesundayservice.org) and Facebook.

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

We're very sorry to announce that we've decided, for the moment, to cease all in person public worship at St. Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension.

This sad decision is obviously due to the grim national and local Covid statistics. We continue to think that coming to church is safe - however, for now, clearly it is even safer not to. It may only make a small difference to the overall picture, but right now we need all the small differences we can get.

We will of course continue to livestream our Sunday morning service each week at 9.30am, on <https://thesundayservice.org/> and our Facebook page. There will however be no congregation physically present at this service.

We'll keep this decision under constant review, and as soon as circumstances allow, look forward to welcoming you back into church.

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.

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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BIBLE NOTES: On the Sunday before Lent begins, the Gospel reading is always an account of the Transfiguration of Jesus: that mysterious moment when three of Jesus' closest disciples saw his whole being suffused with divine glory, in the company of Moses and Elijah – those great figures witnessing to His fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets respectively. Why this Gospel at this time? (The Feast of the Transfiguration is not kept till August 6th). Well, perhaps so we can remember throughout Lent: the one who is beaten and crucified is, despite appearances, the Glorious One – and conversely, to remind us that our instinctive understandings of Glory are all wrong. It's not about power and might and overwhelming majesty – or at any rate, not just those things. True glory, we're going to learn throughout Lent, is the power of suffering love. That's what God is.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CTAL LENT COURSE 2021

WE ARE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING TIMES VIA ZOOM, WEEKLY,
BEGINNING WEEK COMMENCING 14TH FEBRUARY:

- MONDAY 1PM – 2.30PM, (HOSTED BY MAXINE HOWARTH)
- TUESDAY 1PM – 2.30PM, (HOSTED BY PETER WADDELL)
- TUESDAY 7.30PM – 8.30PM, (HOSTED BY MARY CHABREL)
- WEDNESDAY 10AM – 11.15AM (HOSTED BY NADYA DYETT)
- WEDNESDAY 7.30PM – 9PM, (HOSTED BY JAMES WEBSTER)

This year, we turn our attention to one of the most-loved pieces of Scripture there is: the 23rd Psalm, perhaps better known as the hymn 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

The course will be loosely based around the *Cover to Cover Bible Study: 23rd Psalm, the 'Lord is my Shepherd'* booklet, by Selwyn Hughes

For more information or to book onto a course, please contact the Parish Office
on
adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk



*'We still haven't got the
pancake down from last year'*

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- » Key workers who are on the frontline helping fight against Coronavirus and all those affected by it.
- » better sharing of the world's resources
- » all those who are struggling to make ends meet
- » all people to know God's blessing and eternal love
- » those who live in Bedmond School, Belgrave Drive, Bell Close
- » for those who worship in St Saviours RC Church
- » those facing great economic uncertainty
- » For all those facing a tough start to 2021

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Betty Harris; Henry Bremer; Emma; Charlie Crosby; James Mote; Sean Brosnan; Alison; Holly Jefford; Patricia Lakey; Hugo; Erlend; Kathy Bunting; Hannah; Josh; Olivia; Jill Calderwood; Eve Durntall

FOR THE DEPARTED

Janet Thompson; Stephen Moore; Gwen Andrews; Norman Linnet

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
21st February 2021

9.30 am Eucharist at St Lawrence

President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: Archdeacon of St Albans,
Ven Dr. Jane Mainwaring

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Gen. 9. 8-17
1 Pet. 3. 18-end
Mark 1. 9-15

AVAILABILITY

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

THE COMING WEEK

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer will be live streamed daily at 9.15am.



Monday 15th February, 8pm
Zoom Bible Study



Ash Wednesday

Live streamed service of Evening Prayer, 8pm

19th February, 1pm
Funeral of Stephen Moore at St Lawrence



Light a Virtual Candle

If you are unable to get to the church you can light a candle online for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation.

Go to www.thechurchofengland.org.uk
Click on light a candle and follow the prompts.

Notices...

Next Sunday, 21st, we have the Archdeacon of St Albans (*Ven Dr. Jane Mainwaring*) as the preacher at the 9.30am service. She's coming to mark the **50th anniversary** of the rededication of the church following the devastating fire of 1969.

Mothers Union AGM - 23rd February at 7.30pm, via zoom.

Norman Meldrum is happy to buy **Meaningful Eggs through Traidcraft**. Eggs available on the website are:

- * Meaning Milk Chocolate Eggs from £4.50 each (for a case of 6) or £5 singles

- * Meaningful Dark Chocolate Eggs, each with three dark choc squares from £5.50 each (for a case of 6) or £5.95 singles - and the Real Easter Egg Fun pack (6 mini eggs) at £5 a pack.

- * There are also a variety of "Divine" Easter Eggs from the Traidcraft website.

By buying through Traidcraft we:

- * Buy fairly traded chocolate, benefitting the cocoa growers.
- * Raise money for St Lawrence Church funds.
- * Can avoid delivery charges if we have an order of more than £50.

Please email orders to:

normanmeldrum@gmail.com or text 07817 949604.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a livestreamed service of Evening Prayer at 8pm.

During this service you will be invited to sign yourself in ash if you would like.

How to make your own ashes:

- Take some leaves from the garden and dry them.

- Then heat them in small amount of olive oil in a frying pan.
- Watch and stir the leaves until they are dark brown, going black.
- Remove the leaves and allow to cool
- Then either with a mortar or a sieve, grind the leaves
- Add olive oil and proceed as above.

Do not worry if the ash is not smooth and is bitty.

CTAL Lent Course

Please contact the Parish Office to book onto a course and we will send you the zoom details.

Monday 1pm - 2.30pm

(Hosted by Maxine Howarth)

Tuesday 1pm - 2.30pm

(Hosted by Peter Waddell)

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

(Hosted by Mary Chabrel)

Wednesday 10am -11.15am

(Hosted by Nadya Dyett)

Wednesday 7.30pm-9pm

(Hosted by James Webster)

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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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