

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY


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

20th June 2021

The Third Sunday After Trinity



## TODAY

- 8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
at St Lawrence
- President:** Revd. Maxine Howarth  
**Preacher:** Roland Maxted  
**Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at St. Lawrence  
**President:** Revd. Maxine Howarth  
**Preacher:** Roland Maxted  
**Reader:** Jan Palmer  
**Intercessions:** Brenda Southorn
- 11.15am** Eucharist at the Tin Church  
**President:** Revd. Peter Waddell  
**Preacher:** Roland Maxted
- Readings:** Job 38. 1-11  
(2 Cor. 6. 1-13)  
Mark 4. 35-41
- 12.45pm** Christening of  
Darcy Powell
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- 6.30pm** Evening Prayer (BCP)  
at St Lawrence

## COFFEE IN THE CHURCHYARD

As restrictions ease, you are welcome once again to bring your own coffee/tea and stay a while in the Churchyard for a chat after the **9.30am** service, socially distancing of course!



## 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.



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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**READINGS:**

Job 38. 1-11  
(2 Cor. 6. 1-13)  
Mark 4. 35-41

**BIBLE NOTES:**

**Job 38: 1-11 and Mark 4: 35-41**

The Problem of Evil and Suffering in which philosophers and theologians have attempted to reconcile God's all-powerful and all-loving nature with the existence of evil and suffering has occupied Classical and Judaeo-Christian thought for thousands of years. Attempts to "*let God off the hook*" (known as theodicies) are varied and multiple, and none of them do the job satisfactorily on their own. The book of Job is another section of the jigsaw which tells us that God is so utterly transcendent that we cannot possibly understand His mind and purpose but have to trust that He knows what He is about. This is the God who in the person of Jesus Christ calms the storm and terrifies his disciples because "*even the winds and the waves obey him*". Jesus asks us to have faith and overcome our fear in the midst of our troubles, as difficult or impossible as that may seem at times.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



**Alban, First Martyr of Britain**  
**22 June -- Lesser Festival -- Martyr --**  
**Red**

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

### Please pray:

- \* For Darcy Powell who is being Christened today at St Lawrence
- \* For Lisa Willson whose funeral is this week
- \* For the Mothers Union as they meet for the Annual Wave of Prayer
- \* For Louise Bentley and Christopher Pullen who are getting married on Friday
- \* For Gemma Foster and Sean Regan and Alice Thompson and Sam Griffin whose banns are being read today

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED  
Henry Bremer; Emma; James Mote; Steve;  
Patricia Lakey; Marion Constable; Doreen;  
Roy Jenner

FOR THE DEPARTED  
Linda Chan; Lisa Willson,  
Rory Wilson; Susan Davis



## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 27th June**  
The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

- 8am: Holy Communion (BCP)  
at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.15am: Eucharist at The Tin Church
- 12.45pm Christening of Lennon Harris
- 6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP) at St.  
Lawrence

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 1.17-end  
(2 Cor. 8. 7-end)  
Mark 5. 21-end

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Tuesday  
Maxine's day TBC

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday - Saturday 9.15am

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

### Monday 21st June

7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice

8pm Bible Study via Zoom  
*Please contact Peter Waddell for details*

### Tuesday 22nd June

12.30pm Annual Wave of Prayer,  
Mothers Union  
*in Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Wednesday 23rd June

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

12 noon Eucharist  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### Thursday 24th June

1pm Funeral of Lisa Willson at  
North Watford Cemetery

### Friday 25th June

2.00pm Wedding of  
Louise Bentley and Christopher Pullen

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal  
*Church Hall*

### Saturday 26th June

2.30pm - 4.30pm Cream Tea  
*St Lawrence Churchyard*  
**Ticket entry only**

## Coming up...

**Annual Wave of Prayer**, Mothers Union - Tuesday 22nd June at 12.30pm in Corpus Christi Chapel in St Lawrence, when we pray for our link dioceses around the world and St Albans Diocese.

**Cream Tea on 26th June** - All the tickets for this event have now been sold. Just a reminder that for this event you have to buy a ticket in advance. It will not be possible to just turn up on the day. If there is sufficient demand we are looking to book a second sitting which would be 4.00pm - 5.30pm. If you are interested in having your name put down for this please let Linda North or Lesley Cummings know before 20th June. We are delighted that there has been such a great response. Many thanks.

**Abbots Langley Players** invite you to the sale of the century on Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and

Sunday 4th July from 10am - 4.00pm daily in the Barn of the Abbots House. There will be vintage and period costumes and props which range from the opulent to the wacky and everything in between. All for bargain prices. Funds from the sale will help ALP continue. Thank you for your support.

**Friends of St Lawrence Summer Extravaganza:** Please support the Friends of St Lawrence Summer Extravaganza on Saturday 24th July :11am to 4pm. This is a new venture for us and we need your help with items and promises for the Silent Auction. We will also need donations of cakes and raffle prizes. On the day we will need help with setting up and taking down and manning stalls. Please contact Bill Sanderson 07976 755530 / wjhsanderson@btinternet.com or Wendy Meldrum 07710688633 / wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Parish Office on 01923 261795

## Notices...

**Malawi Container** - The Container left from Birmingham on Saturday 12th June with our 57 bags and boxes of much needed items for the hospital and secondary school in Malosa, Malawi. A huge thank you to everyone who gave so very generously, all these items will be received with the joy and love with which they were sent.

**Are you a knitter?** Watford Schools Trust are planning to make prayer and reflection bags for the children and would like people to

knit hearts. If you are a knitter and would like to help, there are patters at the back of church.

**Website** - We will soon be moving over to a brand new website - but before we do, we would appreciate feedback on it to make sure all the kinks are ironed out ahead of the launch. You can find the link on the home page of our current website. Please send any feedback to:

[adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk), titled "website feedback", and this will be passed on to the developer.

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**Church Office Opening Times:**

10.00 am to 12.30 pm 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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