

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

10th November 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



## TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at  
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** David Staines
- 9.30am** Second Sunday Service at  
St Lawrence Church
- Readings:**  
Jonah 3: 1 - 5, 10 (P. 875)  
Mark 1: 14 - 20 (P. 33)
- President:** Revd Helen Neville  
**Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell
- 10.50am:** Act of Remembrance at the  
War Memorial, St Lawrence  
Churchyard
- 11.15am:** Remembrance Service at St  
Lawrence Church
- Officiant & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- 3.00pm:** Remembrance Service at  
The Church of the  
Ascension
- Officiant:** Revd Helen Neville  
**Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- 6.30pm:** Choral Evensong  
St Lawrence Church
- Readings:**  
Ecclesiasticus 51: 1 - 12 (P. 122)  
Romans 8: 31 - end (P. 154)

## 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](http://www.churchmedia.tv/abbotslangley) or via our website [www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://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!



**There will be no refreshments served in the hall today due to the Remembrance Service**

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## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

### COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: IS IT?

**Speaker: The Revd Peter Waddell, Vicar of Abbots Langley and Bedmond**

Frank Capra's 1947 film *It's a Wonderful Life* is perhaps *the* classic Christmas film. The story of George, Mary Clarence, Mr Potter and the little community of Bedford Fall is much loved. Yet, there are dark shadows in it too, and much food for thought. What, if anything, does it have to do with the Gospel? Find out more in this fascinating exploration of the theologies behind the film with the Revd Peter Waddell.

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Time: 7:00pm - 8.30pm

St Albans Cathedral, Sumpter Yard, St Albans,  
AL1 1BY (in the Alban Room).  
Cost | £10 (£6 students)

## Leo the Great

### 10 November

Leo the Great became pope in the year 440 and twice proved his bravery in saving the citizens of Rome from the invading barbarians. He was an eloquent and wise preacher, using simple gospel texts to proclaim the Christian faith. His administrative skills were unrivalled and he used the resources of the Church for the good of the people. Rather than further confuse Christians by entering into the controversy over the person of Christ, Leo spoke simply of the humility of Christ who was divine and human in his compassion, uniting biblical images in prayer rather than dividing in debate. Leo died on this day in the year 461.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For our armed forces
- For all peace makers
- For Bushey Parish
- For the United States of America

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Jo; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Stephen Murray; Frank Tilley; Shanta Tuladhar; Wendy Westoby

### FOR THE DEPARTED

Liz Burns; Penny Nii; Daphne Bell

## NEXT SUNDAY

**17th November 2024**

The Second Sunday before Advent

- 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 Taizé Service

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 12: 1 - 3 (P. 849)  
Hebrews 10: 11 - 14 (15 - 18) 19 - 25 (P. 221)  
Mark 13: 1 - 8 (P. 48)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Monday  
Helen is on annual leave Monday to Friday

## THE COMING WEEK

### **Monday - Saturday, 9.15am**

Morning Prayer  
*In the Corpus Christi Chapel*

### **Monday 11th November**

10.00am Coffee Morning  
*Breakspear Room*

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### **Tuesday 12th November**

10.30am Tiny Tots  
*Breakspear Room*

8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Wednesday 13th November**

11.00am Mothers' Union  
*Breakspear Room*

12.00pm Eucharist  
*St Lawrence Church*

3.30pm Messy Church  
*Methodist Church*

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

8.00pm Choir Practice  
*St Lawrence Church*

### **Thursday 14th November**

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Friday 15th November**

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat  
*The Church of the Ascension*

2.00pm Craft and Conversation  
*Breakspear Room*

### **Saturday 16th November**

11.00am Children and Young People  
Committee Meeting

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](http://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: [churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@abbotslangley.org.uk) Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

**Immy and Kathy in Concert** - Saturday 30th November 5pm in St Lawrence Church. Soprano songs, classical, musical and modern. Retiring collection for the Friends of St Lawrence and the Malawi Project. Cake and refreshments available for a donation afterwards.

**If you would like to sing in the Christmas services** (Advent, Nine Lessons, Midnight Mass especially), please drop Marianne an email. Christmas rehearsals will be starting very soon and we would love to encourage some of our musical congregation to be involved, who aren't regularly in the choir! [directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk](mailto:directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk)

**Thank you to everyone who donates to the Watford Foodbank.** The items that are most needed at the moment are: Cereals, Milk (long life), Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Custard, Jam, Tea/Coffee, Mashed Potato, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Biscuits/Snack Bars. **Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date. Items can be left at the collection point at the back of church, or in the dedicated basket at Sweeneys (Budgens of old!).** Thank you.

**There will be no refreshments served in the hall today due to the Remembrance Service.**

**Christmas Coffee Morning: Saturday 30th November 10am - 1pm.** Friends of St Lawrence would welcome Christmas items for their stall at the coffee morning. If you have any new unwanted gifts, toiletries etc we would be delighted to have them for our stall. Also, if anyone was able to make cake/small cakes, scones etc please could they contact Wendy Meldrum. Thank you!

**The Diocese is currently advertising for two roles – Diocesan Director of Education and Church Growth Officer.** Further details on our website on the links below:  
<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/directorofeducation/>  
<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/cgo/>

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