

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

1st December 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY

- 8.00am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President & Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am** Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
- President:** Revd Helen Neville
Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Jenny Sanders
- Intercessions:** Sally Sanderson
- 11.30am:** Eucharist at The Church of
the Ascension
- President:** Revd Helen Neville
Preacher: Revd Peter Waddell
- Reader:** Pam Rastall
- Readings:**
Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 (P. 749)
(1 Thessalonians 3: 9)- end) (P. 201)
Luke 21: 25 - 36 (P. 82)
- Hymns:**
2: Christ whose glory fills the skies
Psalm 25
24: Come thou long expected Jesus
309: Let all mortal flesh keep silence
29: Hills of the North
- 6.30pm** Advent Carol Service
St Lawrence Church

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 or via our website 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!



Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.30am service.



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 25:



Response

To you O Lord I lift up my soul; O my God in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Response

Make me to know your ways O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

Response

Remember Lord your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Response

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Response

ANTHEM:

Come, dearest Lord

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), based on Ephesians 3.16-21

Music: Phillip Moore

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell
by faith and love in every breast;
then shall we know and taste and feel
the joys that cannot be expressed.

Come, fill our hearts with inward strength,
make our enlarged souls possess
and learn the height and breadth and length
of thine immeasurable grace.

Now to the God whose power can do
more than our thoughts or wishes know,
be everlasting honours done
by all the church, through Christ his Son.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For all without a home.
- For the people of Malosa, Malawi.
- For our Choir.
- For the parish of St Luke's.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Bernie Eamer; Stephen Murray; Wendy Westoby; Erica

FOR THE DEPARTED

Lindsay Bull; Dorothy McKenzie; Walter Haythorpe; Frank Tilley; Doris Haskell

NEXT SUNDAY

8th December 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Baruch 5: 1 - 9 (P. 129)
Malachi 3: 1 - 4 (P. 904)
Philippians 1: 3 - 11 (P. 193)
Luke 3: 1 - 6 (P. 57)

AVAILABILITY

Peter and Helen are both off on Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 2nd December

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.30pm Abbots Langley Primary Year One

Christingle Service

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Scout Christingle Service

St Lawrence Church

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 3rd December

10.30am Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

Wednesday 4th December

10.00am Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

12.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Compassionate Café

Breakspear Room

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Practice

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 5th December

11.30am Funeral of Lindsay Bull

St Lawrence Church

Friday 6th December

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Watford Band Christmas Concert

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 7th December

9.30am Churchyard Working Party (CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

2.00pm - 4.00pm Children's Christmas Workshop

St Lawrence Church

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 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 Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

The Advent Carol service is TODAY at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. All are very welcome to attend.

The Tin Church Christmas coffee morning is on **Wednesday 4th December from 10am to 12 noon**. There will be refreshments including mince pies and a sale of jewellery, Christmas items, handmade cards and other items. Parking behind the Church. Looking forward to seeing you.

Friday 6th December 7.30pm Watford Band Concert - we are delighted to welcome back the Watford Band to St Lawrence on Friday 6th December. Tickets from <https://www.Ticketsource.co.uk/watfordband> or from Carol £10 each children Free.

9 Lessons Mince Pies - if you are able to donate some mince pies for 22nd December when we

have mulled wine and mince pies following the service please sign the list at the back of church.

Christmas Crafts Workshop Saturday 7th December 2pm - 4pm. All are welcome for crafts, Christingle making, decorating the tree followed by a reading of the Christmas story. For all ages and the whole family is invited! Simple refreshments will be served. For more information or to let us know that you will be attending contact: pennymccloughlin@live.co.uk or church office adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

Chipperfield Choral Society - Chipperfield sings Christmas. Saturday 7th December at 3pm and 7pm in St Paul's Church, Chipperfield. Tickets £18 (under 17 £5). For tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DXMN> or call the box office: 01923 400520.

CTAL Street Carol Singing - Saturday 14th December 10.30am - 12pm. All are welcome to come along and join in with the singing! Donations are for Crisis at Christmas. Meet outside the Hospice of St Francis Charity Shop, High Street, Abbots Langley.

Lunch in aid of Crisis at Christmas - Saturday 14th December 12pm - 2pm in the Methodist Church Hall. There will be soup and bread, cheese, mince pies and fruit. The lunch is free but donations are welcomed for Crisis at Christmas.

Christmas Wreath Festival - Saturday 14th 10.30am - 4pm and Sunday 15th December 12.00pm - 4.00pm. Come along and view the wonderful wreaths created by local businesses, schools and groups. The event is free but donations are welcomed for the Friends of St Lawrence. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Breakspear Room. We hope to see you there!

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