



Outlook

April 2025

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

50p



Dear Reader

Enjoy reading!

*Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of Outlook*

Welcome to the April edition of *Outlook!* As we embrace the joys of spring, this issue is filled with exciting updates and upcoming events in our parish community. All are warmly welcome to attend the Easter services as we come together to celebrate this joyful season of hope and renewal.



Churchyard Grant Certificate

(More details on page 12)



Welcomers at Weddings and Funerals

We are looking for Welcomers to assist at weddings and funerals in St Lawrence Church. Full training will be provided, and you'll be paid for your time. If you're interested in this role, please contact the church office on 01923 261795 for more details. We look forward to hearing from you!



April Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE

TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist

at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist

at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at

the Church of the

Ascension

Wednesday

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekly events do not happen on a bank holiday.

Monday 10am

Coffee Morning

Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots

Breakspeare Room

Thursday 8.00pm

Friends and Faith Group

Breakspeare Room

(not 17th April)

Friday 10.00am (starts back

10th January

Bedmond Bells Craft and

Chat

The Church of the

Ascension

Friday 2pm

Craft and Conversation

Breakspeare Room

OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd 10.00am

Coffee Morning

The Tin Church

Wednesday 2nd 2.00pm

Compassionate Café

Breakspeare Room

Thursday 3rd 12.30pm

Heresy 101 CTAL Lent

Course

Breakspeare Room

Saturday 5th 9.30am

Churchyard Working Party

(CWP)

St Lawrence Churchyard

Sunday 6th 5.00pm

Breathing Space

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 6th 6.30pm

Nameless Youth Group

Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 9th 11am

Mother's Union

Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 9th 2.30pm -

4.30pm

Messy Church

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 10th 12.30pm

Heresy 101 CTAL Lent

Course

Breakspeare Room

Saturday 12th 3pm - 5pm

Children's Easter Workshop

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 13th 11.00am

Palm Sunday Service

Kitters Green

Sunday 13th 11.30am

Palm Sunday Service

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 13th 5.00pm

Choral Evensong

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 17th 8.00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

St Lawrence Church

Friday 18th 10.00am

Walk of Witness

St Paul's Church

Friday 18th 2.00pm

An Hour at the Cross

St Lawrence Church

Sunday 20th 6.00am

Sunrise Service

Bedmond Playing Fields

Sunday 20th

Easter Day Services

9.30am St Lawrence

Church and

11.30am Church of the

Ascension, Bedmond

Monday 21st 9.30am

Easter Monday Pilgrimage

Communion

St Lawrence Church

Monday 21st 11.00am

Walk to St Albans Abbey

Meet in Church Hall

car park

Sunday 27th 1.00pm

Sunday Lunch

St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 27th 3.30pm

The Spark Service

St Lawrence Church



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Messy Church

We had great brilliant fun in March at Messy Church as we listened to the story of ‘Jonah and the Whale’ as we continued our theme of looking at the stories that Jesus heard as a boy. We did lots of “whale crafts” with the food craft being by far the most popular with a croissant as a whale and Jonah as a mini gingerbread man! We made model boats out of sponges and floated them on water!

April Messy Church: Wednesday 9th April at St Lawrence Church 2.30pm – 4.45pm. April’s Messy Church will fall in the Easter holidays so we will be having it at St Lawrence Church where we can have our usual Easter Treasure Hunt in the church grounds. We will be meeting in church at 2.30pm and will end with a tea party. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun. Messy Church is free but donations are welcome. Please could you let us know if you will be coming along so that we can cater for the craft resources and our Messy tea party. Contact: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church office on 01923 261795.

VOLUTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of more helpers at Messy Church on a regular and occasional basis. Messy Church meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. We urgently need people to help in a variety of ways. Could you be available to help set up, or put away at the end of the afternoon, or sit and help the children at the craft tables or in the kitchen helping prepare Messy Tea? If you think you may be able to help in any of these areas, please contact Wendy Meldrum.



The Alban Bun

If you have visited the Abbot's Kitchen at St Albans Cathedral recently you will have had the chance to try a delicious 'Alban Bun'. They are on sale from Ash Wednesday through to Easter. This is the history of the Alban Bun taken from the Cathedral website.....

'The bun is baked to a traditional recipe and follows the older custom of cutting the cross-shape onto the unbaked dough with a knife, not piping it on.

It is said that the Alban Bun, the precursor to the famous Hot Cross Bun, originates in St Albans where Brother Thomas Rocliffe, a 14th Century Monk at St Albans Abbey, developed an original recipe. From 1361, Brother Thomas would distribute these buns to feed the poor on Good Friday.

The original recipe remains a closely guarded secret, but ingredients include flour, eggs, fresh yeast, currants and grains of paradise or cardamom. The baker today stays faithful to the original 14th century recipe with only a slight addition of some extra fruit. The buns are distinctive in their appearance due to their lack of a piped cross. Instead, the baker cuts the cross into the top of the bun with a knife.

Though the original source of the Alban Bun is still being researched, an article in the Herts Advertiser of 1862 reports it as follows:

It is said that in a copy of 'Ye Booke of Saint Albans' it was reported that; "In the year of Our Lord 1361 Thomas Rocliffe, a monk attached to the

refectory at St Albans Monastery, caused a quantity of small sweet spiced cakes, marked with a cross, to be made; then he directed them to be given away to persons who applied at the door of the refectory on Good Friday in addition to the customary basin of sack (wine). These cakes so pleased the palates of the people who were the recipients that they became talked about, and various were the attempts to imitate the cakes of Father Rocliffe all over the country, but the recipe of which was kept within the walls of the Abbey." The time honoured custom has therefore been observed over the centuries, and will undoubtedly continue into posterity, bearing with it the religious remembrance it is intended to convey.'



They're dead now what?

The death of a loved one can be overwhelming when there is so much to do as well as dealing with your personal grief. If someone asked you, 'What do you do next?' would you know beyond just contacting the funeral director? Who else do you need to inform? What could cause a delay in issuing the death certificate? What happens if there's no will? How long does it take to receive your loved one's ashes?

If you take a moment to reflect, more questions are likely to arise. What about the aspects you haven't even thought of yet? Wouldn't it be comforting and reassuring to have a checklist that provides guidance during a time of sadness, shock, and disorientation?

The Churches Together Abbots Langley Bereavement Visitors Group has put together a panel event where any questions you have relating to the practicalities following a death will be answered. The panel will include experts who deal with all aspects of death on a daily basis (or are close to it). You'll have access to a Civil Celebrant, Christian Minister, Crematorium Superintendent, Funeral Directors, and a Registrar for Deaths.

This panel discussion is scheduled for Tuesday May 6th at 7:30pm, Elvira's, Henderson Hub. Refreshments will be served. Bring your friends and family and come with any questions for the panel. To reserve your place, please email bereavement.ctal@yahoo.com. You can also submit your questions in advance - either named or anonymously using this email address.

Everyone is welcome. By the end of the session, we hope you'll walk away with valuable insights that will help you create your own checklist, preparing you for when - or if - you ever find yourself handling the practicalities of a death. Be informed. Be prepared.



Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM

This year's Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 8.00pm in St Lawrence Church Hall. At this meeting we elect our churchwardens and new members of the PCC. If you are interested in becoming a Churchwarden, joining the PCC or one of the committees then speak to Peter, Helen or Tom.



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

Parish People

LIZZIE HOOD – RETIRED PRIEST AND MUSICIAN

Lizzie was born near Stroud, in Gloucestershire, and is still very much a country girl at heart. She had a very happy childhood, playing in the fields, observing nature and climbing trees (a lifelong love). Her father was Chief Engineer of the Stroud Brewery Company, and her mother was a nurse from Lockerbie. Lizzie was educated at Cashes Green Primary School followed by Stroud High School for Girls, a very strict grammar school where the shocking pink and grey uniform put her off pink for life! The village church that the family attended was identical to our tin church in Bedmond, so that was a happy find when she moved to this area.

Lizzie started learning piano when she was seven years old and music soon became the focus of her interests. She particularly enjoyed playing duets and trios and competing at the Cheltenham Music Festival, where she bagged a lot of silverware! She also played viola in the Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra. When the school choir toured Canada, Lizzie was their accompanist, and this prompted her to take a gap year and see more of North America. She became au pair to an English family living in Boston, spending weekends on Cape Cod. It really was the land of opportunity as the family taught her to ski, skate and sail, and arranged a piano teacher. While there, she performed the Grieg Piano Concerto with a local orchestra, and studied Celtic Literature and Music at Harvard.



On returning to the UK Lizzie went to Exeter University to read music, planning to make her living in the music profession. However, a wrist injury put paid to this and, being in plaster for many months, the future looked bleak. She accepted an invitation to help the stage management team at the Northcott Theatre with a Mozart opera and was immediately bitten with the theatre bug. She secured a place at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School on the stage management and technical course and at the end of the year was given her Equity card and a contract with the parent company, presented by one of the trustees, Paul Eddington. It was here that she met Tom. From Bristol she moved to Northampton as Stage Manager at the Royal Theatre.

Lizzie and Tom were married in 1983, and both needed more sensible working hours so Tom transferred from theatre to the BBC and Lizzie studied for her Postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies at Ealing College. Her first library role was at the City University Library, then British Gas headquarters library, before joining the Civil Service in the Departments of Energy and Trade and Industry libraries. Having set out with the intention of using her music skills in a librarian role, she had inadvertently

developed a specialism in business and government information!

Daughter Alison was born in 1989 and son James in 1991 - the year the family moved from Watford to Abbots Langley, and they joined St Lawrence Church on their first Sunday in the village. In 1992 IRA bombings in London targeted Lizzie's office and made travel difficult, and with a young family, her priorities changed. She decided to look for a local job, and became the Official Publications and Business Librarian for Hertfordshire Library Service, based at the Central Resources Library. This was billed as the first 'hyper-library' in the UK, housing the special collections as a resource for the 52 local branch libraries. This meant that her library career had now spanned academic, corporate, government and public libraries.

With her children growing up and developing interests of their own, she started to teach them piano and gradually built up a small piano teaching business alongside her librarianship, as well as becoming an accompanist for local musicians, and pupils at Abbots Langley School and the Watford School of Music.

Life was busy with a young family and two strands of work, but she was happy with the balance. So what led her into ordained ministry? Read about the next stage in Lizzie's life in the next edition.

Brenda Southorn

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We met for coffee, chat and communion in March.

Doreen Higgs made the Simnel Cake, which was enjoyed on Mothering Sunday.

Dates for April:

Wednesday 9th 10.30am - 12.00pm:
Making palm crosses in the Breakspear Room. Everybody is welcome. Tuition will be given on the day, just bring a pair of scissors. Many hands make light work!



Wednesday 9th at 12.00pm:
Corporate Communion in St Lawrence Church.

Contact:
Jill Matthews, St Lawrence Abbots Langley Branch Leader.

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From the Vicar

It's Easter this month, so that should settle the theme for this month's letter...

And yet, as I write, the UK defence secretary has boasted that our nuclear deterrent can do 'untold damage' to our enemies. Right across Europe, governments are re-arming. Budgets are being re-written to prepare for war. The Secretary General of NATO says this is the pre-war era, like 1938, and that we must get ready to fight.

I was planning on writing an article which said something like: Christians need to wake up, and toughen up. We have thought far too naively about the world; we need to realise that we really do have enemies; that building up our military power is not something to be half-hearted about; that it is daft to spend more on sickness than on national defence; and that if we want peace, we must prepare for war.

Such an article would make a lot of sense. However, in these last weeks of Lent, it's impossible to avoid the question: what difference does Easter make? How does believing in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ change how we think about our dangerous world?

Asking that question means a very different article, one which may seem a good deal less sensible. So, with all the due caveats about it being OK to disagree with vicars, especially when they venture into matters geo-political, here goes....



The Gospel, in a sentence, is this: because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, this world does not end in ruin. The whole thing – our individual lives, the whole human story – is caught up in the life and love that comes surging out of that empty tomb. The whole is destined for joy. The Kingdom is coming. That's why, again and again, the risen Jesus says to his disciples: 'be not afraid'. If the Resurrection is real, there's nothing left to be scared of.

Which means we can see some things that fear tends to obscure.

Firstly, it is not up to us to save the world. God will do that, in God's time, and in a way far beyond our imagining. We are not qualified to bring in his Kingdom. And because that is so, what is often required of us now is patience. The wicked will be judged, they will meet their end – but not at our hands. For now, we may even have to endure a very substantial degree of injustice, because seeking to right all wrongs ourselves risks even more misery than tyrants cause. People who believe in Easter should be very, very reluctant to rush to arms.

Secondly, all this is especially so given the existence of nuclear weapons. What kind of evil would justify mass slaughter of the innocent and the poisoning of the planet? He who fights monsters must take care not to become a monster himself. It would be better to surrender than commit that crime: better to die. Believers in the resurrection know that defeat and death are not the worst things that can happen to someone. Launching nuclear weapons, on the other hand, might well be. Christians need to be clear that there are some lines we will never, ever cross. But if that is so, it becomes even more difficult to launch a war in which those lines will rapidly confront us.

Thirdly, and without succumbing to complete moral relativism, we might ask whether our belief that this is an epic clash of good versus evil is really sustainable. Clearly, Putin is a very, very bad man. His project to revive the Russian Empire is deeply malevolent. On the other hand... is this thing *really* simple? Are we completely confident in our own national or Western righteousness? Who, after all, dropped the first nuclear weapons? Not our enemies, but our friends. We have been here before: totally intoxicated by self-righteousness. Every time we go to war it is presented as a moral crusade. Most times (not, in fairness, *all* times), we end up regretting that folly.

Fourthly, the Resurrection means that the one who said 'love your enemies' is the King. We don't get to disregard his plain instructions. Now, it may well be that the concrete form that love takes, in certain extreme circumstances, means war. It's not ridiculous (though it is complicated!) to say that we wage war

for the true good even of our enemies. In a sense, it was good for the Nazis that they were defeated in war. However, *most* of the time, loving your enemies *does* mean not shooting them. It means seeing war as the very, very last resort. Doing everything humanly possible to avoid killing, even accepting injustice and humiliation. Seeking every way of building peace – and not being so bigoted as to imagine that there aren't people on the other side who want that too.

Fifthly, the risen King has also made very clear what he thinks about the poor and the weak, and how they are to be treated. You'll know who my people are, he said, by how they treat the sick, the naked, the prisoners, the hungry. If our rush to rearmament is funded by hurting all of these, we will be judged. That's not to say there aren't powerful arguments for the reform of international aid or domestic welfare budgets – there really are. But the argument that we can't afford to help the poor because we've got to buy bombs is not one of them, and is not worthy of Christians.

I'm not a pacifist, and most Christians have not been. There are times when war is the only thing we can do. But at the very, very least, believing in Easter means that Christians have got some very difficult questions to answer before we leap into that abyss. Let's not look back in five years and realise we sleep-walked into it.

Peter

Churchyard News

Churchyard Grant

We are very grateful to Abbots Langley Parish Council who have given us a grant of £3,500.00 for this year. The grant is for the churchyard and will be spent only on the churchyard. This is given in recognition of the fact that we have two public footpaths running through the churchyard and the churchyard is used for community events such as the service at the war memorial and the village light switch on. Many people walk through the churchyard on the way to school, come to visit graves or just to sit for a while and listen to the birds singing.

*'The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon,
The Song of the Birds for Mirth,
One is Nearer to God's Heart in a
Garden,
Than Anywhere Else on Earth.'*

From the poem 'God's Garden'
by Dorothy Frances Gurney (1858-
1932).

*(See certificate for the churchyard
grant on page 2)*

Water Butts

In March the Churchyard Working Party were busy installing two new water butts. This is in line with the PCC's commitment to the environment. We were only able to do this because a member of our congregation gave us a donation specifically for this purpose. We are very grateful to that person.

The Churchyard has looked amazing this spring, and so many people have commented. The snow drops and crocuses have now faded and the daffodils are taking centre stage.



Memorial Tablets

In the churchyard we have started to lay the memorials for some of those who ashes have been interred in the Garden of Remembrance. These are just the first ones of many that will be laid.



Easter Services

Sunday 13th April -

Palm Sunday Service at Kitters Green 11.00am, followed by a service in St Lawrence Church at 11.30am

Thursday 17th April 8.00pm -

Maundy Thursday Service
St Lawrence Church

Friday 18th April 10.00am -

CTAL Walk of Witness,
start at St Paul's Church, Langleybury

Friday 18th April 2.00pm -

An hour at the Cross,
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 20th April 6.00am -

Sunrise Service, Bedmond Playing Fields

Sunday 20th April 9.30am -

Easter Sunday Service in St Lawrence Church

Sunday 20th April 11.30am

Easter Sunday Service at Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

Monday 21st April 9.30am -

Holy Communion in St Lawrence Church

Monday 21st April -

Easter Monday pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey (see below).

Sunday 27th April 3.30pm

The Spark Service at St Lawrence Church

Easter Monday walk to St Albans.

We shall be walking to St Albans leaving the church hall car park at 11.00am. If you would like breakfast, please add your name to the form at the back of the church. Breakfast will be at 10.00am following communion in St Lawrence at 9.30am. 1.00pm arrive at the Abbey - please feel free to join us at the Abbey even if you have not been able to walk with us. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy in the Abbey Orchard, before processing into the Abbey from 2.30pm, for the service which starts at 3.00pm. For those walking to St Albans from elsewhere in the area the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond will be open between 11.00am and 2.00pm for a refreshment break.



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Library	Open: Mon & Thu 1.00pm-6.00pm; Tue & Fri 9.30am-6.00pm Sat 9.30am - 1.00pm; Wed & Sun closed all day
Local History Society	Delva O'Reagan (267585)
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SPRING CONCERTS MAY 2025

In a few weeks' time we will be starting our latest programme of Spring concerts to provide entertainment and to raise money for St Lawrence Church. The concerts started in 2015 and each year our audiences increase. The programme this year is as follows:

May 3rd Parmiter's School - Jazz Workshop and Friends

The Parmiter's Jazz Workshop is a collective enterprise for instrumentalists of all years to explore the creative side of their playing. Meeting for an hour every Wednesday after school, all students of melody instruments are welcome to join with the rhythm section and develop improvisational skills alongside their listening and ensemble abilities in a relaxed but productive and supportive environment. The programme will also include additional musical items from smaller ensembles.

May 10th TBC

May 17th Southorn/ Stratton Family - Anything Goes -Again

This is the 10th programme which the family has presented and will be the usual eclectic mix of vocal and instrumental items including musical theatre, classical and folk.

May 24th Organ recital - Peter Wadl

A former Director of Music at St Lawrence Church, Peter, who now lives in Cambridgeshire is returning to give us an organ recital.



May 31st Just A Capella

Jut A Capella is a Hemel Hempstead based choir singing four-part harmony arrangements – anything from Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" through to "Blue Moon" by Rogers and Hart with Ed Sheeran; Queen and Joe Jackson in between. They have had great success in music festivals.

Each concert starts at 11am with refreshments served from 10.30am. Admissions is FREE but donations at the end of each concert will be gratefully received.

Breathing Space

Does Truth matter?

Date: Sunday 6th April
Time: 5.00pm

Place: St Lawrence Church

Come and join us for an interesting discussion with refreshments. All are very welcome to attend.

Funerals taken in March

Peggy Picco



A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Reevaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction on fossil fuel usage.

For more eco tips visit: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian



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Bedmond Bells WI

Our 2025 programme is now well under way. In March we had an interesting talk and practical session on making carpets, which revealed some unusual facts about carpets in general – they may be useful for some quiz in the future – who knows? We were all able to have a go at making a little ‘rag rug’ which actually turned out to be more in the way of a coaster, but we all got the idea of the technique!

We are beginning to look at outings and visits for the coming months and are planning a canal trip later in the year.

Our community Café lunches in the Tin Church continue to be popular and social occasions, with soup and a filled roll, cakes and tea or coffee on offer. After March, we will consider future dates, so watch out for the posters in the coming months.

In April we will be holding an Activities Evening at our regular monthly meeting. There will be lots of things going on, and we will also be renewing our annual membership. Visitors are always welcome – we meet on the second Friday evening of each month except August at Bedmond Village Hall at 7,30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact us – see below.

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Friends of St Lawrence

OUR NEXT EVENT
PUZZLE AND TOY FAIR
SATURDAY JUNE 7th 10am – 2pm.
St Lawrence Church Hall



Our next event will be a Puzzle and Toy Fair in June. Please continue to save those jigsaw puzzles that you have been doing throughout the winter and pass them on to us for the Fair in June. Also, any games and toys that you no longer need would be very welcome. So, don't throw away any puzzles, games or toys, please pass them on to us!

Put the date in your diaries and be sure to come along. We will be serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes so that you can peruse the puzzles, games and toys at your leisure and then sit down with your purchases to enjoy some well deserved refreshments!

Malawi

60/70's MUSIC NIGHT
Saturday 10th May 7.30pm
St Lawrence Church Hall

This is an exciting new venture for the Malawi Team and will include 60/70's music, dancing and the opportunity to dress in 60/70's style. Come along, bring friends and family to enjoy the sounds of the 60's and 70's and dance the night away! Tickets are £10pp to include a buffet in 60's and 70's style, BYO drinks. Contact Wendy Meldrum: wendymeldrum@gmail.com or the Church Office on 01923 261795.

Join us at St. Lawrence's
Church for an egg-citing...

Easter

CRAFTS WORKSHOP!

Everyone is welcome to come.
We have so many fun
activities to take part in such as:
Easter themed crafts
Listen to the Easter story
and so much more
Snacks and drinks are also provided.

On the
12.4.25

Please register if you would like to come
pennymcloughlin@live.co.uk
There is no admission fee but donations are welcome

At
**3-5
PM**



Friends of St Lawrence

SATURDAY 7th JUNE

PUZZLE AND TOY FAIR



Adult
jigsaws

Toys



Children's
puzzles



10 am - 2.00 pm

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL
ABBOTS LANGLEY

THE MILAWI PROJECT

Sat 10th May 2025 7.30pm

GOSS & ZOS Music Night

Bring Your Own Drinks

Free Buffet! Tickets: £10



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