

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

24th November 2024

CHRIST THE KING



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Linda North

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am: Eucharist at The Church of
the Ascension

**President &
Preacher:** Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:

Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14 (P. 843)
(Revelation 1: 4b - 8) (P. 242)
John 18: 33 - 37 (P. 110)

Hymns:

166: Crown him with many crowns
470: I, the Lord of sea and sky
525: Name of all majesty
324: Sweet sacrament divine
398: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

3.30pm The Spark 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:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

Christ, Our God, Descends from Heaven

Alan Bullard

Let all human flesh keep silence,
and with awe and reverence stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, descends from heaven,
Our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture,
In the Body and the Blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

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: 5th December, 2024

Time: 7:00pm - 8.30pm

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

How to Book:

Please call the Learning Administrator on **01727 890212** (*Monday to Friday 9.30am – 3pm term time*) or the Box Office **01727 890290** (*Monday to Sunday*).

Tickets will be on sale until 12noon on the day of the event. Please ensure that you provide a current email address when you book.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For the homeless
- For all suffering from the cold
- For the people of the Ukraine
- For the parish of Christ Church and St. Marks

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

FOR THE DEPARTED

Lindsay Bull; Dorothy McKenzie; Walter Haythorpe

NEXT SUNDAY

1st December 2024

The First 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 Advent Carol Service
St Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 (P. 749)
1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - end (P. 201)
Luke 21: 25 - 36 (P. 82)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Wednesday
and Thursday
Helen is at a Retreat 25th - 27th
and off on Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am
Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 25th November

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 26th November

10.30am Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

8.00pm PCC Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 27th November

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir Practice
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Practice
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 28th November

6.00pm Christmas Lights Switch On
St Lawrence Church

Friday 29th November

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

1.00pm Burial of Ashes Sue Tomson
St Lawrence Churchyard

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 30th November

10.00am - 1.00pm Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Christmas Coffee Morning
St Lawrence Church Hall

5.00pm Kathy and Immy in Concert
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.paritygiving.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.

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.

Christmas Light Switch On, Thursday 28th November at 6pm in St Lawrence Churchyard. Enjoy hot chocolate and a lovely atmosphere whilst watching the Christmas lights being switched on!

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!

All are welcome at the **Advent Carol service** on Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm in St Lawrence 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: pennymcloughlin@live.co.uk or church office adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk

At the 9.30am service today we will be celebrating the baptism of Leroy Chapman.

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.

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