

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

23rd June 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: David Staines

9.30am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Julia Day

Intercessions: Brenda Southern

11.30am Eucharist at the Church of the
Ascension

President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Helen Neville

Reader: Linda Ball

Readings:

Job 38: 1 - 11 (P. 494)

(2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13) (P. 178)

Mark 4: 35 - end (P. 37)

Hymns:

537: O God, our help in ages past

604: Through all the changing scenes of life

413: Eternal Father, strong to save

188: O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

267: Thou, whose almighty word

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at
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:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

Deep Peace of the Running Wave
(Gaelic Blessing)

Alan Smith

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Christ's peace to you
Deep peace to you

The Birth of John the Baptist

24 June

The biblical story of John, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, begins even before his birth. His leaping in his mother's womb is seen as a great alleluia in anticipation of the birth of his Redeemer and the good news of Jesus Christ is related in all four gospels as beginning with John as Christ's forerunner. He seemed to have a predestined rôle akin to that of the Old Testament prophets, particularly in encouraging the people of God to live lives worthy of their calling and in imminent anticipation of the coming of the Anointed One. In the tradition of the early Fathers, John was seen as endowed with grace from before his birth, and consequently the Church has always kept the celebration of this day with greater solemnity than that of his death.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Helen, and for all candidates for confirmation
- For St. Matthew's, Oxhey
- For the people of Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon
- For all candidates in the General Election

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; Martin Greeves; Jo; The Princess of Wales; Liz Brooker; Christopher Seabrook; Marie Hutchins; Brian Higgs; Jenny Mitchell; Bernie Eamer

FOR THE DEPARTED

Jack Gentle; Sue Tomson; Peter Morgan; David McDonald

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 30th June 2024

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church
***This will be Helen's first
Presidency at the Eucharist***
- 3.30pm The Spark Service at St
Lawrence Church

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 1: 1; 17 - end (P. 284)
Wisdom 1: 13 - 15; 2: 23 - 24 (P. 41)
2 Corinthians 8: 7 - end (P. 179)
Mark 5: 21 - end (P. 38)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.
Helen is at a Retreat on Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 24th June

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 26th June

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

!2.00pm Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

Thursday 27th June

7.30pm General Election Hustings

St Lawrence Church

Friday 28th June

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

8.00pm Kings Langley Community Choir

St Lawrence Church

Saturday 29th June

10.45am Christening Prep Session

Breakspear Room

2.00pm Ordination of Revd. Helen Neville

St Albans Abbey

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: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Helen's Ordination will be on Saturday 29th June at 2.00pm in St Albans Abbey. All are very welcome to attend. **Helen's first Presidency at the eucharist** will be on Sunday 30th June at 9.30am, followed by a celebration afterwards with Pimms and cake in the church hall. All are very welcome. Due to this special occasion there will be NO 8am eucharist in St Lawrence Church or 11.30am eucharist at the Church of the Ascension on this day.

Sue Tomson's funeral will be on 25th June 3pm at Chichester Cathedral. If you are planning to attend please could you email Charlie Tomson ctomson@doctors.org.uk. If you do not have access to email let the office know, who can pass on the message. The family will not be wearing formal funeral dress as they think their Mum would prefer people to wear colourful, comfortable clothes to celebrate a long and happy life.

Afternoon Tea - Sunday 23rd June 2024, 3pm - 5pm, St Lawrence Church. Costume Jewellery and antique tea pots for sale. Afternoon tea £8 per person. Contact David or Eileen Adams:

David.Adams31@ntlworld.com or 01923 265228 Money raised will go to the Malawi Project.

Friends of St Lawrence Tours and Wedding Display: Saturday 6th July 10am - 4.30pm & Sunday 7th July 12pm - 4pm

Come along and have a guided tour of our beautiful and ancient church... find out about it's history and architecture or simply wander round on your own. There will be marriage registers to view as well as a display of wedding dresses of people married in St Lawrences over the years. There will be teas and homemade cakes. The tours are free but donations are welcome.

Were you married in St Lawrence's? Do you still have a wedding dress that we could possibly display? Please get in touch with Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com or contact the church office on 01923 261795

General Election Hustings - Thursday 27th June 7.30pm - 9.30pm St Lawrence Church. Candidates from the Conservative Party, the Green Party, the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrat Party and Reform UK will introduce themselves and answer your questions. To submit a question email: voice4abbots2024@gmail.com by 12 noon on Monday 24th June. The event is open to all. Numbers attending limited to capacity. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway or came to the fete. We had a wet start but the sun came out and so did all the people. Including a few extra sales the day after we raised £2270 to be split between Abbots Langley Carers and Watford Schools Trust. A great time was had by all.

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