



**Bulletin for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00am: Book of Common Prayer** Pg 167

**10.00am: Informal Service of the Word**

**5.00pm: Evening Prayer**

**Prayer ministry** will be available in the Blaise Chapel immediately after the 10.00am service. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, please come forward where two people will be happy to pray with you.

**Prayer Pointers:**

- ✚ For the election of our next **Prime Minister**. For unity amid uncertainty. For wisdom for our political leaders, that they will be guided by God and act with integrity.
- ✚ For preparations and publicity for the **Seeds of Faith** week – that we may all be aware of those whom God is calling us to invite to the various functions.
- ✚ For families who are **struggling to make ends meet** as the rising cost of living makes it impossible to pay bills and put food on the table. For the Swindon Food collective, its volunteers, and all who are reached through this ministry
- ✚ for young people (and their families!) in this anxious time as they wait for **exam results in August**, knowing that so much depends on the results.
- ✚ Harrison Mungai asks for prayer for the **National Elections in Kenya on August 9<sup>th</sup>** – that they may be peaceful, and that selfless leaders will come into office.
- ✚ For **Anglican Bishops** returning home, as they put into practice things they have experienced at the Lambeth Conference.

**Eco Tip** - Help to protect wildlife through the hot summer: put out water for birds and insects; avoid cutting grass; keep bushes unpruned; water fruit trees, flowering and fruiting species with a can not a hose. (from A Rocha)

**Midweek Prayer and fellowship, do join us:**

**Wednesdays 9am:** we meet in the cottage to pray for half an hour – for our church, town and world.

**Thursdays 10am NO Holy Communion in August**

**Fridays 9am:** we meet in the cottage to pray for the mission of our church, including Seeds of Faith.

**Toilet facilities are in the Church Cottage, next to the church – go through the blue gate in the wall to the right as you exit the church, into the cottage and then turn right (follow the signs inside).**

**PARKING:** The gravelled area in front of the church is reserved for **Blue Badge** holders attending Services. Please do not park there after 9:15am on Sundays.

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**Dates for your Diary**

**Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Aug – 4pm-5pm – The Julian Group** meets in the Church Cottage. All welcome for contemplative prayer, tea, cake and fellowship. Please contact Karen Akers for more information (01793 764885).

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Aug – 5.00pm – Service of Thanksgiving** for the life of Peter De longh, in St Lawrence church. *Please note this will replace the normal 5pm service on this day.*

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Aug-Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep – 'Jungle Adventure' holiday Bible club**, with Sunday Special 10am on Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sep.

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>–Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sep – Seeds of Faith Parish Mission.** Please note the week in your diary and pray for the planning. Take a look in your MyChurchSuite calendar for details of the events happening during the week (and if you don't know how to do this ask Lesley ☺).

**Other items**

**Parish Giving Scheme** – please do consider joining this excellent financial giving scheme run by the Diocese of the Gloucester. Do take a white information folder from the back of church. You can contact our Treasurer, David Williams, for further details (01367 253963).

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PACKS** are available during 10am services whilst our Sunday groups take a break for the summer holidays; helping primary age children to engage with Psalms during our summer series. Please collect packs from the children's corner when you arrive. Contact Ali Corris with any questions.

**Foodbank** - with many people away on holiday, local foodbank contributions have reduced greatly yet the need remains. Please, if you are able to, place an item or two in the box in church when you can. The effort made by the parish month after month, we know, is hugely appreciated by the Swindon foodbank team.

**Church Hardship fund** – In a time of rising prices and financial pressure, we want to make sure we are using the Church Hardship Fund. If you are struggling with bills, or know someone who is, please contact Andrew to see if we can help.

**Please would you be collecting the following** for holiday club (there are boxes in the porch for these items):

- clean empty plastic drinks bottles (pop, water, etc, but **NOT** milk) WITH LIDS - small or large!
- Pringles (or similar) tubes WITH LIDS
- kitchen roll tubes - to make rainstick shakers
- metal biscuit/chocolate tins LARGE SIZE (ideally metal, but plastic also suitable)
- brown paper packaging strips (as before)
- small cardboard boxes/packaging (eg shoebox, cereal) to make junk modelling houses.

**NO MORE large boxes are needed, thank you**

**COVID:** the south aisle remains for those who wish to wear masks and distance. Please remain caring of others.

**Giving:** There will be a pew collection in our services, or you can use the contactless unit by the font in church. Or scan this QR code with a smartphone, to go to the giving web page.



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Please submit items for the bulletin by 6pm on Wednesday to [bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk)