

Vicar's Newsletter
Friday 9th June 2023

Dear friends,

As the weather warms up and people's thoughts turn to summer holidays and all that needs done in the garden, it is good to remember all that is happening in our local church family. We are blessed with a growing and diverse church with lots going on! The main emphasis in this newsletter is our 'Inspire Project', but there are lots of other things happening as well. Please do contact the Parish Office or the vicar if you think someone needs a helping hand or a pastoral visit. As the local church we don't exist for ourselves, but for the sake of others.

PRAYING FOR OUR 'INSPIRE' RE-ORDERING PROJECT

As a church family, we have now come to a crucial time in our 'Inspire' re-ordering project. After more than six years of planning and preparation we have now submitted our plans to the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) of the Diocese of Gloucester. At their meeting on Thursday 22nd June, we are hoping they will recommend that we are given the necessary legal permission, a 'faculty', to go ahead with the works. The final decision will be taken by the Chancellor, the top legal expert in the diocese.

Now is the time to really commit ourselves to praying that we will receive the necessary permissions, and also that we would be able to raise the funds we need.

The whole church family of St. Lawrence, whatever Sunday service you attend, is welcome to come and pray together for the project on these occasions:

Wed 14 June

6-12pm Half Night of Prayer in the church

Wed 21 June

9am Parish Prayer Meeting in the Cottage- special DAC focus

Thur 22 June (Day of the crucial DAC meeting!)

10am BCP Holy Communion

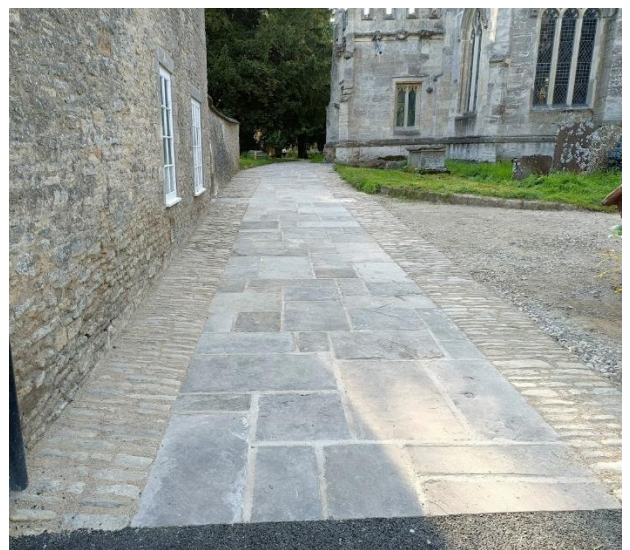
11am Prayer Meeting in the church





**Official opening of
Shelley's Walk
Pentecost Sunday, 28th May**

*We are grateful to God that the
path is now open and looking
wonderful. This is the first step in
our 'Inspire' Project.*



**The Choir of
Merton College, Oxford**
Friday 30th June, 7pm
St. Lawrence Church, Lechlade.



After triumphant performances at The Three Choirs Festival, the Cheltenham Music Festival, the concert series at St John's Smith Square, Cadogan Hall and The Temple Church, and tours to USA, Hong Kong and Singapore, France, Italy and Sweden, **the Choir of Merton College Oxford are coming to Lechlade, for one night only.**

Tickets: £10 (£5 for children)

- Available **online** through <https://stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/>
– Events page: <http://bit.ly/3MAjJ6J> or use the QR code:
- Limited tickets available **on the door.**

"One of the UK's finest choral ensembles" (Gramophone)

"Tuneful, delicate, articulate, and attentive" (Church Times)

"Superb performances [...] every note carefully crafted"

(Church Music Quarterly)

"Outstanding" (The Guardian)



**Fundraising
for our
Church**

Cream teas

Saturday 1st July – 2.30-5pm
Swyre Barton Farm,
Coln St Aldwyns GL7 5AX.

With a plant and cake sale too,
this will be a lovely afternoon out.

*It is hoped to provide some transport,
please contact the office.*



WORLD CHURCH SUNDAY – Sunday 25th June

10am

Our mission partner Harrison Mungai (from iServe Africa, Kenya) is preaching.

Harrison founded iServe Africa in 2007 to raise up 'a generation of Gospel workers who will faithfully teach the scriptures and encourage Christians to live out their faith in the African context.'

Come and hear his enthusiasm and vision for the Christian Church!



2.30pm-4.30pm

Tea party at the Vicarage supporting 'Open Doors', a Christian organisation that helps the Persecuted Church around the world. A representative from Open Doors will be speaking.

Church Family Picnic - Sunday 9th July

After the 10am service, on the lawn behind the New Inn. All welcome!

Whether you have been coming to St. Lawrence Church for decades, or you are very recent, come and join us for food, fellowship and frolics.



Christianity Explored

We will soon be running this short course for those wanting to learn more about the Christian Faith, or to go over some of the basics.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in coming along, please speak to Gareth Griffith.

Prayer Triplet Tea

Saturday 17th June – 3pm, Memorial Hall

For those already in a triplet and those who are interested in being in one.

Queries to Denver Keegan 01367 253398.



Wild West holiday club

Running Tuesday 29th August through to Friday 1st September, 9.15am to 12noon each day, our annual Holiday Bible Club returns with a Wild West theme. Dig out those waistcoats and wide-brimmed hats and join us for a fun time as we learn about Jesus and how he can help us. Sign up online via the [church website](#) or through the printed brochure.

