



Bulletin for Sunday 5th November 2023 22nd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p192

10.00am: Holy Communion

MP41(T2), 622, 416(T1), 183,287, 516(T2)

Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

Anthem: Lead me Lord - Wesley (NCAB 206)

5.00pm: Evensong

Hymns: 175(t2), 183, 429

Psalm 111, Canticles-Moeran in D: Responses-Ayleward

Anthem – Lead me Lord

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin with you to pray at home)

- ✠ As we watch the events unfolding in the **Holy Land** with horror and heartbreak, let us continue to pray for restraint, an end to the violence, relief aid for Gaza, for healing of bitterness and for all who are suffering. Pray for world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace.
- ✠ Today is the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**, so we unite with millions of Christians around the world to pray for those who share our faith, but not our freedom. Pray especially for Christians in Pakistan, India and Nepal, which are three of our World Church links.
- ✠ Next week is the next round of international talks in Paris to develop **the first global treaty on plastic pollution**. Pray that world leaders act, uniting to agree on an ambitious and binding treaty. Give wisdom and soft hearts to those involved in the negotiations.
- ✠ **Ram and Keshari Prasad**, working among ethnic minority and immigrant peoples in Rochdale ask us to pray for the final stage of their application for a UK visa for a 2nd term of service there. They hope to hear in November, as their present visa ends in December.



Think ahead - what ways can you make sure your Christmas is both a celebration of Christ's coming and better for His creation? Check out A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas: <https://arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas/>.

Midweek Prayer and fellowship, do join us:

1st Monday (usually!) each month: we meet for our monthly Parish Prayer time, currently at the Vicarage.

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

Thursdays 10am in church – Holy Communion (BCP)

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 gravel outside the church is for a **max of 2 Blue Badge** holders attending church services. Please do not park there from 30 minutes before any service.

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Please submit items for the bulletin by 6pm on Wednesday to bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Mon 6th Nov – 1.30pm, Church Cottage – Women's Bible Fellowship – all ladies are welcome to join us.

Mon 6th Nov – 7.30pm – Vicarage – Monthly Parish Prayer meeting, join us to pray together.

Mon 6th Nov – 7.15 for 7.30pm at Kathy's – evening Mothers' Union meeting with speaker Colin Dowdeswell 'Conducting a Musical Life'. Please let Mary Williams know if you are coming – 252600.

Wed 8th Nov – 2pm in the Memorial Hall – Mothers' Union. The St Deny's handbell Ringers. £3. Donations to The Salvation Army.

Thu 9th Nov – 7.30pm in church – Prayer and Puddings: we come together to join in prayer for Project Inspire and to share puddings together.

Fri 10th Nov – funeral 11am church - John Breakspear.

Wed 15th Nov – 9.30am in church – Little Lights – pre-school children and babies from birth are very welcome with parents/ carers. No need to book/no charge.

Fri 17th Nov – 7.30pm – Wine Tasting Event -. A fun evening assessing wines presented by expert Jane Sullivan-Brown in a 'Call my Bluff' format. Tickets are £12.50 and available online at <https://bit.ly/Wine17Nov> .

Fri 24th Nov -funeral 1.15pm church Andrée Boddington.

Mon 4th Dec – 7.30pm in church – Christmas Concert – an evening of music to listen to and join in with. Tickets £10 (under-16s free) <https://bit.ly/StLConcert4Dec>

Other items

Choir News: We are delighted to have 2 new choristers who join us after following completing their probationary year. Lavinia Hudson received her surplice on 22nd October and Kaitlyn Gill on 5th November. Well done to them both. Many congratulations are also due to Hannah Chamberlain who will be presented with her Dark Blue Ribbon this morning, having gained a magnificent 84% in her recent examination. I also wish to thank our senior singers for their dedication to the choir and for encouraging our new choristers. The following will be retaining their positions of responsibility for the next year: Sophie Bath (Head Chorister), Lily McBain (Deputy Head) and Hannah Chamberlain (Librarian).

Sidesmen/stewards: having recently lost some team members we are keen for new people to join us – **please do consider offering to help in this way.** A training/refresher will take place at 19.30 Tue 7th Nov. We urge all sidesmen to attend (from all services) and it's a good way to find out more.

Foodbank – Especially needed: tins/bottles/cartons of fruit, potatoes, meat, fish, vegetables, soup, puddings; litre bottles of squash; small jars of coffee; small bags of sugar; washing up liquid; 2in1 shampoo/conditioner; laundry pods; men's and women's deodorants.

Giving to the work of St Lawrence

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 to go to the giving web page and a gift aid declaration.



Parish Giving Scheme – a great way to give to the work of the church through your bank account. If you would like to know more please take a pack from by the font or speak to David Williams, our Treasurer.

When **shopping online** please do try **Easyfundraising**, a way to raise funds for St Lawrence as you shop online, at no cost to you! All giving details are on the web page: www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/donate-to-st-lawrence