



Bulletin for Sunday 11th February 2024

Sunday before Lent

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p76

10.00am: Together @ 10

5.00pm: Holy Communion

Hymns: 37 (omit v3), 444 (omit v2), 392, 288, 2
Merbecke

Be thou my vision – Chilcott (NOEAB 23)

Prayer Pointers

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

- ✠ Pray for **King Charles** undergoing treatment for cancer; also for all the Royal Family. Pray also for all who are facing treatment for serious illness, and for those who care for them.
- ✠ This **'National Marriage Week'** pray for the strengthening of marriage relationships; for marriages going through times of difficulty; for those who would like to be married, and for those looking forward to being married soon.
- ✠ In a world longing for **peace**, pray for all in pain; for healing and hope to prevail – in Ukraine, in the Holy Land, and in other areas of conflict in our troubled world. Pray for peace-makers, and all who are attempting to bring reconciliation in place of retaliation.
- ✠ For more people to sign up for **Lent Groups**, starting next week; for the leaders as they prepare.
- ✠ Pray for **Gabriel Parra and Rebeca** following the devastating fire in Valparaiso (Chile) and as they arrange to visit UK.
- ✠ Pray also for **Pakistan after the elections** (due 8th Feb); for peaceful acceptance of the election results, and that the new government will be effective in leading the country.



Go Green for Lent.- Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, ecofriendly living? See: <https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent>

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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Dates for your Diary

Tue 13th Feb – 7.30pm in church – Pancake Quiz – £5 per team, max 5 in a team. Prizes galore! (start revising your art history!!)

Wed 14th Feb – 7.30pm in church – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with (optional) ashing.

Wed 21st Feb – 9.30am in church – Little Lights pram service and play for all pre-schoolers (from new-born) and carers. Doors open 9:15am, no charge, no need to book.

Fri 23rd Feb – Lent Lunch at the Memorial Hall, 12.15 for 12.30, organised by the MU. £7.50 (children free) to include bread, cheese, pate, salads, fruit and drinks: plus a bring and buy stall, and a raffle. Please come!

Other items

Alpha, a place to explore Christian faith, is running on Thurs. evenings from now until Palm Sunday. Each week, we'll watch a short video together, share our thoughts, and drink tea/coffee. Could this be for you to go deeper, or explore faith? Or is there someone you know who you could invite? Contact Gareth Griffith for more details.

Lent Groups 2024: There will be several Lent study groups this year, meeting at various times and in various locations, hopefully one will suit you! We will be using the LICC book 'Whole Life Worship'. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of church at 10am service, or contact the office.

Helping at services: could you volunteer to help with services at St Lawrence, perhaps on the welcome team, reading from the Bible, leading intercessions, operating the laptop, making & serving refreshments – or anything else you can see needs doing? Please speak to a clergy member or a Warden if you would like to try something.

Foodbank – Especially needed currently: tins of fruit, tomatoes, puddings; litre bottles of squash; long life milk and juice; small jars of coffee; 500g and 1kg bags of sugar.

Project Inspire events

Fri. April 19th Serenade & Sandwiches @ 12 in the church. Music from the renowned organist Charles Edmondson; and the duet of Clemency Rubenstein (flute) accompanied by Rachel Emmerson (piano). Delicious lunch provided. Donations gratefully received on the day.

We are planning **Open Gardens** in Lechlade on **Bank Holiday Monday 27th May** from 2 to 5pm and **NEED YOUR HELP!** This has been a big success in the past with 10-12 gardens open, but so far we have just 8 good people offering to open their gardens, so we need a few more. If you could open yours, or know someone who might open theirs, please contact Lesley as soon as possible. This is an enjoyable event as well as a great fund-raiser!

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 Andrew our Vicar or Lesley our Administrator.

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