

# Bulletin for Sunday 24th March 2024



8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p95

**10.00am: Holy Communion** *with children's groups* **Hymns**: 129(T1), MP1625, MP457, 279, 301, 555 Trinity Mass – Thorne (Sanctus and Benedictus only) Hosanna to the Son of David – Hutchings (sheet)

5.00pm: Choral Evensong

Hymns: 601(omit3),129(T1),122(T2omit3&4) Ps 69:1-20 Canticles: Brewer in D Responses: Byrd Hosanna to the Son of David – Hutchings (sheet)

#### **Prayer Pointers**

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- This **Holy Week** give thanks for our Lord's sacrifice of his life at Calvary taking our sin and bearing our griefs on the cross; may we all know the peace of Christ as we follow and re-live the events of Holy Week and Easter.
- ⊕ for Holy Week and Easter services and events and for those who are leading – pray especially for visitors who may be joining us on those occasions.
- Jesus wept over Jerusalem as he entered (Lk19:41). Let us also weep in prayer over our world, our nation, our church as we see church attendance declining, and hostility or apathy towards the Christian faith rising in many countries.
- Continue to pray for those known to us who are facing serious illness or dementia, and for those who care for them.
- Pray for Keshari as she returns to UK on 27<sup>th</sup> after two months in Nepal with family, rejoining Ram Prasad to continue their ministry to ethnic minorities in Rochdale.
- Pray for Gabriel and Rebeca Parra and their children from Chile as they prepare for their visit to UK next month.



Celebrate Spring: Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, identify

spring flowers (try www.plantnet.org).

## 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 <u>max of</u> <u>2 Blue Badge</u> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – 7.30pm, Baptist Church – Lent group service. Whether you have been to a group this Lent or not, do come along to this lovely time of sharing together our learnings from the Lent course.

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – 7.30pm in church – Agape Meal and Communion. Please see the sign-up sheet in church to say what you can bring for this shared meal as we remember the Last Supper.

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2pm in and around church – Family Easter Trail. We are looking to borrow some LARGE pot plants (name the pots!). Please speak to Tessa or Kate.

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – 7.45pm at The Trout Inn – Men Aloud Out Join us this month for a drink and discussion, no meal. The topic is "Let's talk about Death".

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Apr – from 9:30am in the churchyard – Spring working party. Please come along and join the team to tidy the area as spring progresses. Gloves and secateurs needed.

**Wed 17**<sup>th</sup> **Apr – 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.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.00–16.30 – St Mary's Church, Maidenhead – Haggai - Seeking First God's Kingdom – Women's Day 2024, tickets £20 (concessions £15). A group will be going from St Lawrence, please speak to Tessa Cobb is making a booking this week, info at the back of church.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – 12noon in church – Serenade & Sandwiches. Music from organist Charles Edmondson; Clemency Rubinstein (flute) and Rachel Emmerson (piano). Lunch provided. Donations on the day to Inspire.

**18/19 May –** the Parra family (Gabriel, Rebeca, Eloise and Simon) from Chile will be visiting us for the weekend. Gabriel will preach at 10am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May – 10am service.** This service will be a guest service with a baptism, our preacher will be one of the Archbishop's Evangelists, Andy Monks.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jun – 2-5pm in church – Summer Sale. If you have clean books or jigsaws, please contact Jean Brown on 07957 657935. We hope to also sell cakes and plants so please put the date in your diary to bake/grow for and/or to come and buy and enjoy refreshments.

#### Other items

**Church Watch –** we are looking for a few more volunteers to go on the Church Watch rota. We aim to have someone in church to welcome visitors Easter-September. Full details from Paul Cobb (Church Warden).

### 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