



Bulletin for Sunday 28th July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p170

10.00am: Informal Service of the Word

5.00pm: Evening Prayer *Rdgs: Rev 3:14-22, Jn 6:1-21*
(No choir)

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✠ Pray for those in this Deanery who will come for **Confirmation this week**, that they may be assured of God's love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom and understanding and renewed hope as they face the challenges of daily life.
- ✠ Pray for times of **rest and refreshment** for all who are away this week. Remember also those who feel they cannot afford to go away, or those who are limited as they care for a loved one who needs constant care.
- ✠ Give thanks for Bishop Rachel as she returns from her mini sabbatical during which she visited **Palestinians in the West Bank** 'where there has been under-reporting of the devastating situation; whilst the spotlight shines on the horrific situation in Gaza'. (see her reports on the Gloucester Diocesan website). Pray for all who are seeking to restore peace in the Middle East, and avoid escalation of the conflict.
- ✠ Give thanks for the **SAT-7 broadcasts** to the Middle East and North Africa, and pray that their programmes and viewer support teams will help new believers to grow in their faith, bringing glory to God.
- ✠ Pray for those who mourn the loss of **Elaine Wood**, funeral on 29th July in church.



Join in the Big Butterfly Count:- From now until Sunday 4th August choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for 15 minutes, then record which species you see. See details at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.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 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 29th Jul – 11:30am in church – Funeral of the late Elaine Wood

Wed 7th Aug – 6.30pm at the Trout – Men Aloud Out – Aunt Sally evening – order food from the bar menu on arrival.

Wed 14th Aug – 10am in church and cottage – Holiday Bible Club (HBC) painting/props day – jobs for anyone who comes along!

Sun 18th Aug – 2pm in church – Wedding of Jade and Charlie

Wed 21st Aug – 10am in church and cottage (if required)– HBC second painting/props day. See the bulletin nearer the date in case not needed.

Mon 26th Aug – all day in church – Holiday Bible Club setting up – please come along if you can help.

Tue 27th–Fri 30th Aug – Holiday Bible Club week, church will be closed and there will be no Thursday morning Communion service on Thu 29th.

Other Items

Urgent Request for Help: Some Sunday School helpers and leaders are 'retiring' after many years of faithful service; we need new people to join our rota for the autumn term. Can you help? Please contact Tessa or Kate.

Holiday Bible Club: please see the note in the porch for things to collect for HBC this year.

A big thank you to the Lechlade Occasional Choir, the Inspire Fundraising Committee and the Lions for running a very enjoyable evening at Langford Downs Farm on Wednesday - another goodly sum raised for Project Inspire. Also a big thank you to the MacEcherns for hosting the event in the lovely garden. **David T.**

Clergy Holiday: Andrew is on holiday until 12 August. During this time, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the office.

Foodbank: Please remember the foodbank over the summer break. Items particularly required at present are tins of baked beans and plum tomatoes; 1 litre bottles of squash; long life milk and juice; small jars of coffee; 500gms and 1 kgs sugar; tinned fruit and puddings (rice pudding, custard, semolina); angel delight; jellies.

Community Readers: From September years 5 & 6 (9-11 years) at St Lawrence School will be sharing a teaching assistant and would therefore benefit hugely from some extra helpers willing to commit to weekly or fortnightly sessions listening to children read out loud. To find out more, please speak with Kate Cinnamond.

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