



Bulletin for Sunday 4th August 2024

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p172

10.00am: Holy Communion

5.00pm: Evening Prayer

Readings : Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35(No choir)

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ As we pray for all attempts to avoid **the escalation of war in the Middle East**, pray for a positive response to a new letter, signed by over 200 global Christian bishops and executive leaders urging world powers to end complicity in the ongoing violence and atrocities committed in Gaza as a part of the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas. (See 'Embrace the Middle East' at www.embrace.org.uk)
- ✚ Pray for our **new Government** as it tackles many urgent issues, and has to take difficult decisions to work for Justice for all.
- ✚ Pray for all those who have **recently taken exams**, as they wait anxiously for results which will affect their future; may they know God's peace and confidence as they face an exciting but uncertain future.
- ✚ Continue to 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 is needing constant care.
- ✚ Pray for **Christians in Nepal** as persecution and government restrictions increase. Pray for strength to stand firm in their faith and continue to preach and teach the gospel and disciple fellow believers.



Want to dispose of used clothes not good enough for charity shops? Put them in the Salvation Army collection point at the Co-op in Lechlade, as they ensure they are not dumped into landfill. For more details see www.salvationist.org.uk/articles/satcol-centres-recycling.

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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Web: www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

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Dates for your Diary

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.

Project Inspire

Auction of Promises: to take place on Saturday 28th Sept. in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church and offer your promise – we already have some really exciting ones! Tickets for the 28th online and at The Health Box - £15 inc. a choice of curry meals supplied by Khushi, a quiz + the fun of the auction.

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.

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