



Bulletin for Sun. 2nd February 2025

Candlemas

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer BCP p72

10.00 am Holy Communion

Hymns: 80(omit*), MP420, 513, 360, 383, 64

Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

Holy is the true light – Harris (NCAB 164)

5.00pm: Candlelit Choral Evensong

Lumen ad revelationem gentium – plainchant

Hymns: 64, 360, 80(omit*) Psalm 122

Canticles: Moeran in D Responses: Sanders

O thou, the central orb – Wood (ncab 349)

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5, Luke 2: 22-40

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ As this Tuesday is marked as 'World Cancer Day', let us pray for all those who have been **diagnosed with cancer**, and are receiving or waiting for treatment, especially those known to us. Pray also for all involved with cancer research.
- ✚ Pray for the active engagement of children and adults in **next Sunday's All Age "Together at 10"** service, and for those who will be leading the service.
- ✚ Pray for smooth progression in the implementation of the **Israel/Hamas cease-fire deal**, and the return of hostages. Give thanks for the positive contribution of Christian groups as they seek to give aid and help the many displaced Palestinians.
- ✚ Pray for our Vicar, Andrew as he begins his **sabbatical on 7th Feb**, that it will be a time of real rest, refreshment and inspiration. Pray also for the Cinnamon family; and for Gareth as he stands in for Andrew for the next 3 months.
- ✚ Pray for the **Bishop of Dornakal** and his team as they prepare for a visit to Gloucester and Lechlade in May. Pray for the School for the Deaf in Dornakal (South India), one of our World Church Links; for the staff working under pressure to care for vulnerable children. The Headmistress, **Mrs. Glory Shakunthala writes: Please pray for us and all the School Children in your prayers.**

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

Monday 3rd February: Parish Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm in the Vicarage for just over an hour.

Wed 5th Feb – 9.15am in church – Little Lights pram service & play for all pre-schoolers (from new-born) and carers. Open 9.15am, no charge, no need to book.

Thu 6th Feb – 6.30pm at the Trout Inn – Men Aloud Out. Do come along for a relaxed evening – meet for bar games, meal and chat. Order/pay on arrival from the regular menu. All welcome for a convivial evening.

Wed 12th Feb – 2pm at the Memorial Hall – Mothers' Union monthly meeting..

Sat 1st Mar – 10am-2.30pm How to Teach Old Testament Prophecy' (focusing on Isaiah). A day for women of unpacking the Bible, worship, fellowship at St Mary's Maidenhead. £12/person + contribution to transport. Places will be booked this coming week so if any women are interested please speak to Tessa (253100) or Kate Cinnamon.

Sat 29th Mar – Come & Sing Faure Requiem from 2.30, performance at 5pm. Register online or at the Health Box. £10 on the day. All singers welcome.

Sat 5th April – 9-11am in church – Heart2Heart Ladies' Breakfast. Speaker to be announced, tickets available nearer the time.

Other Items

Project Inspire: Church Cottage is now being advertised for sale. This is a significant moment in the life of Project Inspire. Please pray for the sale to go through smoothly. **Please carefully read Andrew's letter about funding the project now that the Government has sadly taken away our ability to reclaim VAT on the construction costs. This leaves us with an unexpected challenge to raise another £115,000 at least, so we are urgently seeking your support to do whatever you can to help to make sure that our Project can go ahead.**

Foodbank: Please remember the box is always in church for donations. The following website has a list of what is currently needed – swindonfoodcollective.org



Look out for local birds! Take part in the **Gloucestershire Garden Bird Survey** from now until Saturday 1st March, and help your local birds by simply watching and observing them, (see Gloucester Wildlife Trust <https://arcg.is/01m8zu>).

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