



Bulletin for Sunday 7th September 2025

12th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion p173

10.00am: Family Communion with children's groups in the Cottage, The Grid at the Vicarage

Hymns: 418,432,538(omit2),393,383,362

Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter (Rutter book)

5.00pm: Choral Evensong

Hymns: 507,383,516(T2) **Psalm:** 121 unaccompanied

Canticles: Brewer in D

Responses: Sanders

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Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ Pray for **justice, peace and reconciliation** in the Middle East; for people who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus to find a strength and confidence in God that is unmatched and unrivalled. Ask God to change the hearts and minds of the people who are against Christians, and for new believers to be encouraged as they meet more Christians in their communities.
- ✚ As we mourn over world climate extremes and conflicts, pray that the Prince of Peace might teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world; to make us **people of hope** — with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.
- ✚ For **children and young people** now that they have started in new classes at school or college after the summer break. Pray especially for young people who are **leaving home for the first time** to start University courses.
- ✚ Continue to pray for **Project Inspire**, for God's provision and for guidance for the PCC and the project team as they decide the way ahead.
- ✚ Pray for the ministry of **Scripture Union in Pakistan**, where **monsoon rains have caused severe flooding** in the province of Punjab and in Karachi, threatening the livelihoods of poor families and likely damage to homes and school buildings. Please pray for safety for all affected and that property damage will be limited.

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

Mon 8th Sep – 14:00-16:00 – the church will be closed for a meeting.

Thu 2nd Oct – 7.30pm at the Trout Inn – Men Aloud Out

Wed 10th Sep – 2pm, Memorial Hall – Mothers' Union monthly meeting - Dr Veronica Sawicki will speak about diabetes and her work in Sierra Leone: *'Insulin belongs to the world but it doesn't'*. All welcome, £3. Thank you for supporting our Summer Tea. We were able to send off £300 for DR Congo.

Wed 17th Sep – 9.15am in church – Little Lights pram service, play and refreshments for all pre-schoolers from new-born and their carers. No need to book, no charge.

Fri 19th Sep – 3pm-6pm – Lechlade Memorial Hall – CDC 'Strengthening Communities' event. No need to book, activities and information for all ages.

Other Items

Foodbank: please continue to remember that there is always a need for food items at the Swindon Food Collective: To check what they currently need please see www.swindonfoodcollective.org

Post-10am service refreshments: we have lost a few of our refreshment teams recently. This is an important part of our 10am service and it would be sad to have to go without some weeks. Could you help? We usually have a couple of people 'on duty' each week but if you want to help, we can pair you up. Please do speak to Mary W or Lesley for more information.

Help needed! We are looking for adults (male and female) to help with the Sunday morning children's groups - Sparks (2½-5) and Flares (6-11) - on a once-a-month basis from November, as a 2nd adult in each group (no pre-session preparation required). All adults will need DBS checks and safe-guarding training. Please speak to Tessa (253100) for further information.

Prolong the life of goods wherever possible - repair and reuse things, or pass them on to other people with those skills; try taking items for repair to the **Lechlade Repair Café** next Saturday, on 13th September, 9.30-12.30 in Lechlade Pavilion.



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 **Easypundraising**, 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