



St Lawrence Church

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Bulletin for Sunday 19th October 2025

18th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion p185

10.00am: Informal Service of the Word
with children's and youth groups in the Cottage

5.00pm: Choral Evensong

Readings: Daniel 5:1-12, 22-30, Matthew 25: 14-30

Hymns: 81, 478, 558 **Psalms:** 149

Canticles: Stanford in Bflat **Responses:** Ayleward

Anthem: O taste and see – R Vaughan Williams
(NOEAB 166)

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ Pray that the ceasefire in the Middle East will continue. Now pray for all involved in planning the future management and governance of Gaza and the West Bank – that Palestinians themselves may be fully involved in decisions made.
- ✚ Pray for **Christians in Parliament** - an All-Party Parliamentary Group which supports all Members and staff in their work in the Houses of Parliament. See <https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/>
- ✚ Give thanks for all the **volunteers** who give so much to our local community, both within the church fellowship and in the wider town activities. Pray for God's guidance as we all face the challenge of balancing our personal and family lives with our community service.
- ✚ Pray for **all who attended the Men's or Ladies' Breakfasts** yesterday as we reflect on the way God is working in different contexts, and for us all as we face the challenge of what God is calling us to do and be.
- ✚ Give thanks that **Ram Prasad** (working with ethnic minorities in Rochdale) with **his wife Keshari** is able to visit Lechlade this weekend. Pray for them both as they return to Rochdale and continue their ministry there.



Contribute to wildlife conservation. Clean bird feeders to prevent diseases spreading to winter migrants. Install a nest box well before breeding season to provide a cosy retreat for small birds during cold winter nights.

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

TODAY – 12.30pm – KUSHI LUNCH with Ram & Keshari. £13.95 per person – do come and join us

Mon 20th Oct – 1.30pm-3pm in the Cottage – Ladies' Fellowship meets, continuing studies on Romans.

Sat 25th Oct – 9.30am-12noon – Churchyard Working Party. Please come armed with rakes & shears so we can catch up on some maintenance around the churchyard.

Fri 31st Oct – 4pm-7pm – 'Light on a dark night' Pumpkin Trail around Lechlade – if you can help in any way please speak to Kate.

Sun Nov 2nd – 5pm in church - All Souls Service: our annual service of remembrance of the departed. If you would like your loved one remembered by name, there are letters and forms at the back of church or email Gordon Land (walreader44@gmail.com) or put a note in the "L" pigeonhole in church, by Sunday evening 26th October.

Wed 5th Nov – 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.

Other Items

Help desperately needed! We are **critically** short of helpers for our Sunday morning children's groups and need a couple more adults to come on the rota once a month. Please speak to Kate or Tessa ASAP if you are able to help.

St Lawrence Music Group: Do you enjoy singing and/or playing an instrument? The Music Group needs more members to help boost our musical offering to the worship life of our church as we lead the music in the informal services. If you would like to consider joining the team, please speak to Geoff, Kate or Kathryn. On Wed 26th Nov we'll be holding an 'Open Invitation Rehearsal' at 7.30pm which we invite you to attend to see if you feel you could add something to this Group – no obligation. Just come and sing or play for the fun of it. Is this for you? End 2025 or start 2026 with a new venture. **Geoff Holmes**

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