



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Please submit items for the bulletin by 6pm on
Wednesday to bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

Bulletin for Sunday 2nd November 2025 20th after Trinity: All Souls

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion p188

Family Communion with groups for
children in the Cottage and The Grid at the Vicarage

Hymns: 227, 391, 232(omit 5&6), 519, MP590, 230

Mass of St Thomas – Thorne In Paradisum – Fauré

5.00pm: A Service of Remembrance for All Souls Tide

Hymns: 469, 598(T1), 507 In Paradisum – Fauré

Anthem: The Lord Bless you and keep you - Rutter

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

✚ Today is the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** around the world. We especially pray for Pastors under Pressure who often face daily discrimination, threats of violence, and arrest. Pray for God to sustain their faith and protect their churches.

✚ As we approach the next **International Climate Conference, COP30** (in Brazil, 10—21 Nov), pray for **behaviour changes** globally at every level, from individuals to communities to major world leaders, that will improve the situation and start to repair the damage caused by the climate crisis; pray for **justice** for people living in poverty, often those hit first by the devastating impacts of climate crisis, even though they usually contribute the least to cause the problem.

✚ Pray for **those known to us who are unwell**, at home, in hospital, or in a care home. Pray for those who care for them. Pray especially for our Vicar, Andrew, and his family, and for our Churchwardens (Paul and Susan) as they plan cover during Andrew's sickness.

✚ Pray for Canon Andy Roberts as he is formally commissioned as the **new CEO of CMS (Church Mission Society) on Saturday 8th November**. Give thanks for the work of CMS since 1799 - a long line of Jesus-followers who long for people at the edges to encounter Jesus, to discover the new life he brings and to share it with others around the world.



Taste the difference! Local and seasonal food tastes great and is better for the planet, so incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons. If you say grace before a meal, give thanks for your local food producers this month.

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.

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 3rd Nov. 1.30 in the cottage – Ladies Fellowship. Join us as we continue to delve into Romans.

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.

Thu 6th Nov – 7.30pm at the Trout Inn – Men Aloud Out: Mark Oakley will lead our thoughts on 'Inheritance - should we save to pass on wealth?' Come for drinks and a lively discussion.

Sat 8th Nov – 10am in church – decorating the church for Remembrance – please come along to help.

Fri 14th Nov – 1pm in church – Funeral Service: for the late **Denbigh Hamilton-Harding**.

Sat 29th Nov – 3pm-7pm – Lechlade Lights-on event.

Sun 30th Nov – 5pm – Candlelit Advent Carol Service

Sun 7th Dec – 3pm in church – Christingle. Workshop and refreshments from 3pm, service at 4pm.

Mon 8th Dec – 7.30pm in church – Lechlade Christmas Carol Concert. An opportunity to get into the Christmas mood with Colin Dowdeswell's Lechlade Occasional Choir plus others who will sing carols and Christmas tunes for all to join in. Singers who can read music are welcome to join the choir and everybody else encouraged to come along. The small team organising that would like some help. Volunteers and potential choir members are asked to talk to **Colin Dowdeswell** (c.dowdeswell@hotmail.com)

Other Items

Project Inspire: we need to continue running fund-raising events to support the Project – not as many as in previous years but targeted at the most successful. In 2026 we want to run three events but need teams to volunteer to run them – it's not just work, it can be a lot of fun! A list will be at the back of the church from next week to sign up – so please think about it in the meantime.

Music Group: 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 if you feel you could add something to this Group. Just come and sing or play for the fun of it. **Geoff Holmes**

Church Watch - our thanks go to the team who greeted visitors during the summer months, much appreciated.

Churchyard - thanks to the ten or so who helped with last weekend's tidy up - thank you.

Please note: there will be no Thursday morning communion service until further notice.

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