



Bulletin for Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion p47

10.00am: Holy Communion

Hymns: 27, MP457, 26, 24, 315, W206 +descant

Trinity Mass – Thorne: Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei

Anthem: People look east – arr Archer (NOEAB 176)

5.00pm: Candlelit Advent Carol Service

See separate sheet

Prayer Pointers (*please take this bulletin home*)

- ✚ This **Advent**, as our minds turn to Christmas, may we not be overwhelmed by the busyness and commercialisation of Christmas activities, but take time to reflect on where we are in our lives before God.
- ✚ Pray for the many **Advent and Christmas programmes** in the next few weeks, especially in our local community, that these may all point people to a fresh understanding of Christ's love for us in a hurting world. Pray especially for the **Christingle** next Sunday afternoon, for all the families who come.
- ✚ For the distribution of our **Church Christmas cards** - that these may help our community to focus on the coming of Jesus as they celebrate.
- ✚ Continue to pray for **those known to us who are unwell**, at home, in hospital, or in a care: and those who care for them. Pray for our Vicar Andrew and his family as he gradually returns to ministry: also for the families of those who have died recently as they grieve.
- ✚ **SAT-7** ask us to pray for - Endurance and boldness for **Christians in Iran and the Persian region** who are facing heightened persecution and surveillance. May the Lord protect those who have been detained, comfort their families, and strengthen house fellowships that meet in secrecy. Pray for wisdom for believers as they navigate digital monitoring and government pressure.



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 13th Dec, 9.30-12.30 in Lechlade Pavilion.

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.

Note: no Thursday am communion until further notice

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 two spaces on the gravel outside the church temporarily are suspended while the Christmas tree is there. Please do not park on the paths.

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Dates for your Diary

Mon Dec 1st 1.30pm in the Cottage - Ladies' Fellowship. Join us as we continue to delve into Romans.

Mon Dec 1st Parish prayer meeting at 7.30pm in the vicarage: All encouraged to join us as we pray including for Christmas outreach and final preparations for Project Inspire

Wed. Dec 3rd Little Lights 9.30-11am Pre-school informal service and playgroup

Thurs. 4th Dec - 7.30pm at the Trout - Men Aloud Out: for drinks and discussion. We will review and plan our programme for 2026. Offers of dates and topics to lead our discussions most welcome!

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

Mon. 8th Dec. - Christmas Carol Concert, at 7.30pm - Come and get into the Christmas spirit: carols, Christmas tunes, wine and mince pies and plenty of opportunity for participation. Free entry and retiring collection in aid of Project Inspire. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

Sunday 21st Dec - 5pm - Nine Lessons and Carols.'

Other Items

Choir news: We are thrilled to present 4 of our choristers with their Light Blue Ribbons at the 10 am service this morning. Many congratulations to Lavinia and Alistair (who jointly scored the top mark of 94%), Jonathan and Kaitlyn. They have all worked extremely hard for these medals.

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 would like to have 3 events but need **teams to volunteer** to run them – it's not just work, it can be a lot of fun and its great outreach! A list is at the back of the church to **sign up – Now is the time to volunteer – thank you!**

Children's workers - we are still on the lookout for any adults willing to help with the Sunday Morning Children's Groups on a monthly rota. Please contact Kate Cinnamon (07507 058929) or Tessa Cobb (01367 253100) if you would like further information.

Foundation Governors - we continue to seek two volunteers to be foundation governors for St Lawrence Primary. If you are interested and would like further information, please speak initially to the Church Wardens.

Mary and David Bainbridge would like to thank all the members of the St Lawrence Church family for their support over the past challenging eight months. Your prayers, messages, lifts, visits and meals have been a great encouragement and blessing to us. Thank you.

Funeral

The funeral for the late Rodney Benson will take place in church at 1.30pm on Thursday 4th December

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 the table 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