



## Bulletin for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion p51

10.00am: Together@10 All Age  
Christmas Worship

5.00pm: NO SERVICE

### Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ Lord, we remember how you were born homeless and laid in a manger. Fill us with compassion for all in need today. Help us to respond to your most generous gift of Jesus Christ, with loving service to others.
- ✚ As we long for **peace around the world**, let us pray for wisdom and strength for peacemakers and reconcilers; for local churches and leaders to resolve conflicts peacefully, knowing that peace is not merely the absence of violence, rather it is the presence of restored relationships, rebuilt trust, renewed hope.
- ✚ Pray that God may **enrich and bless relationships** between spouses, parents, children and siblings as families gather to celebrate Christmas and spend time together. Pray for families that are experiencing friction to find ways to live in greater harmony and understanding of each other. Pray especially for those who find Christmas a difficult time for whatever reason.
- ✚ Give thanks for the **gift of music** and the skills of those who lead our worship. Give thanks especially for the choir so ably led by Rachel. And for all who play the piano or organ and sing in the music group.
- ✚ Pray for the **Diocese of Dornakal** (South India) this Christmas, and especially for the plans to build a new English Medium School in Kothagudem.



Plan a **Green Christmas 2**. Shop locally. Buying British and organic, from local suppliers, helps support local business while cutting your food miles and staying healthy.

### Midweek Prayer and fellowship, do join us:

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 – **currently paused**

**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 spaces on the gravel outside church are suspended temporarily whilst the Christmas tree is up. Please do not park on the church path or Shelley's Walk.

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### Dates for your Diary

**TODAY** after the 10am service, first rehearsal for the Crib Service - please contact Kathy Newton (01367 252543) if your child would like to take part in the Nativity Play.

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – 6.30pm for 7pm at Kathy's – Mothers' Union Evening Group Christmas party.** Shared supper. Revd Jean will speak about the 12 days of Christmas. RSVP to Mary Williams [mary1357@btinternet.com](mailto:mary1357@btinternet.com)

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

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 5pm in church – Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – 4pm in church – Crib Service.**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – 11.15pm in church – First Communion of Christmas**

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8am in church – Christmas BCP**

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 10am in church – Christmas Family Communion**

### Other Items

**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 (01367 253651) or Tessa Cobb (01367 253100) if you would like further information.

**Project Inspire:** we need to continue running fund-raising events – not as many as in previous years but targeted at the most successful. In 2026 we would like to have three events but need teams to volunteer to run them. It's not all hard work, it can be a lot of fun and it's great outreach. A list is at the back of the church – please sign up, with a group of friends perhaps, and let's get these planned!

**Christmas Concert** A really big thank you to Colin and Tanni Dowdeswell for organising a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas Concert last Monday evening. Also thanks to those who helped and to the Lechlade Occasional Choir. Lots of really good feedback from a full church! And on top of that over £1600 was raised for Project Inspire - excellent.

**Foundation Governors** – could you be a governor at St Lawrence Primary School? If you would like further information, please speak to the Church Wardens.

**The Office** will be closed from 23 December until 2 January. There will be no bulletin for 28 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 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](http://www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/donate-to-st-lawrence)