



**Bulletin for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Epiphany 3**

**In Lechlade Memorial Hall – Main Hall:**

**8.00am: Book of Common Prayer** p71

**10.00am: Informal Service of the Word**  
*with children's groups*

**5.00pm: Evensong in Lechlade Baptist Church**

**Readings:** Isaiah 61:1-11, Luke 4:14-30

**Hymns:** 426, 467, 356

**Psalm:** 33:1-12

**Canticles:** Walmisley in D min

**Resps:** Ayleward

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester – White (sheet)

**Prayer Pointers**

*(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)*

- † As the long-awaited **Project Inspire** gets under way, pray:
  - o for all the practical arrangements for worshipping elsewhere;
  - o for safety and protection for all the contractors working on site;
  - o for wisdom for those liaising on details with the contractors;
  - o that this time of change may be a great opportunity for mission;
  - o for a real sense of unity in the St Lawrence church family.
- † Pray for global, national and local initiatives seeking to fulfil the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 "**Quality Education**" – that all may have access to lifelong learning. Pray for children and young people attending local schools; for the teachers and all staff; for children and grandchildren we know as they continue in education.
- † Pray for **Bishop Sarah Mullally** as she officially takes up the position of **Archbishop of Canterbury** on Thursday. May she be guided and strengthened and by God's grace be able to give a lead with wisdom, courage and compassion in this troubled world.
- † As the world remembers **Holocaust Memorial Day** on Tuesday, we pray for all who are continuing to suffer injustice, discrimination and hatred.
- † Pray for the **Diocese of Dornakal** (South India), and especially for the plans to build a new English Medium School in Kothagudem.

**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.

**Toilet facilities in the Memorial Hall are the opposite side of the foyer to the main hall (left as you go in). The Baptist church also has toilet facilities on site.**

**PARKING:** At the Memorial Hall there is a large car park including spaces for disabled parking. For the Baptist church there is on-street parking along Sherborne Street or Oak Street/Burford Road.

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Please submit items for the bulletin by 6pm on Wednesday to [bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk)

**Dates for your Diary**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1.30pm in the Cottage – Ladies' Fellowship** meets. All ladies are welcome to join us as we continue our studies into Romans.

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 10am at the Cottage – 'Church on the Move'**. Our new monthly outdoor service for families. Meet in the church cottage at 10am wearing suitable clothing for going outside. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This will happen on the first Sunday each month whilst we are out of the Church building.

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.30-11 at the Memorial Hall social room** (access via disabled door) - **Little Lights** meet for songs, story, craft, play and snacks – all pre-school children welcome with carers.

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 6.30pm at the Trout Inn – Men Aloud Out** meet for games and a meal. Order and pay for your drinks and meal on arrival from the regular menu.

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7.30pm Memorial Hall – Pancake Quiz**

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7.30pm Memorial Hall – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and Ashing**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – 10am in the Baptist Church – funeral service** for the late Elizabeth Peacock.

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 12 for 12.30 at the Memorial Hall – a delicious **LENT LUNCH** for all. £8 with profits for MU Worldwide. Pay on door.**

**Other Items**

**Elizabeth Peacock** we heard with sadness this week of the death of Elizabeth Peacock, long-time member of our church family. Funeral details above (20<sup>th</sup> February).

**Working party** - a huge 'thank you' to all those who helped prepare the church building for handover to the contractor. This task involved much hard work but so much was achieved. Similarly, thanks go to those who enabled the move to the Memorial Hall/Baptist Church to go ahead.

**Children's Groups:** Flares and Sparks will be meeting upstairs in the Memorial Hall. The children will be taken out to their groups by their leaders after the 2<sup>nd</sup> song and brought back downstairs afterwards for refreshments.

Lent Groups – signup sheets are available from this week for this year's Lent groups, the course is 'Be Still'.



Look out for local birds! Take part in the Gloucestershire Garden Bird Survey from now until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, and help your local birds by simply watching and observing them, (see Gloucester Wildlife Trust <https://arcg.is/01m8zu>)

**Giving to the work of St Lawrence**

There will be a **collection** in our services, or you can use the contactless unit by the Hall entrance. 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 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)