



## Bulletin for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 *Epiphany*

**8.00am: Book of Common Prayer** p65

**10.00am: Family Communion**  
*with groups for children and young people*

**5.00pm: Evening Prayer**

### Prayer Pointers

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

- † As we begin a new year, let us pray for progress towards the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals. This week pray for global, national and local initiatives seeking to fulfil the Goal 1 "No Poverty" – ending extreme poverty worldwide.
- † It can sometimes feel like there is no end in sight to the mounting list of conflicts in our world. Yet we serve the Prince of Peace who inspires us to believe a better, more peaceful world is possible. Let us pray for our MP Dr Roz Savage, and thank God for the seen and unseen ways that she has acted on her convictions and spoken up for justice and peace in our world.
- † For schools as they reopen this week; pray especially for teachers and children of St Lawrence Primary School, and for the Governors.
- † Give thanks and pray for all who work in the NHS and care for us in this busiest time of year.
- † Pray for the ministry of SAT-7 as they provide encouragement for secret believers in the Middle East, strengthening their faith with biblical teaching. Following the light is not always easy in a dark world, but, in Jesus, hopes are fulfilled and fears assuaged.

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 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – 7.30pm at the Vicarage – Parish Prayer Meeting.** Please join us as we pray for our church family, our town, our world.

### Other Items

**Rev Dr Andrew Kirk:** With deep sadness we heard of the death of our dear brother, Andrew, on Thursday. Please hold Gillian and the whole family in prayer.

**Foodbank:** Thank you to all who have donated items – please remember the box is always in church for donations. Their website has a list of what is currently needed – [swindonfoodcollective.org](http://swindonfoodcollective.org).

**Project Inspire:** our last Sunday services in the church building before the reordering will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.



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 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9.30-12.30 in Lechlade Pavilion

### 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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### **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 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)