



**St Lawrence Church**

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

at Lechlade Memorial Hall

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

## INFORMAL SERVICE OF THE WORD

**We will be using the green service books  
from page 11**

*Our service this morning will be live-streamed and  
recorded from a camera near the front*

**WELCOME** *Rev Andrew Cinnamond*

**GREETING** *Julie Morriss*

*First one in the service book page 12*

## SONGS

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by Your blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine....*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine....*

**Graham Kendrick**

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## **(Sung Psalm 100)**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,  
come ye before Him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed,  
without our aid He did us make;  
we are his flock, He doth us feed,  
and for his sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
approach with joy His courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

**William Kethe**

## PRAYER

**as the children leave for their groups**

## CONFESSION

*First one in the service book page 13*

*Service book page 15*

## COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to  
the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the  
oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all  
your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## SONG

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

*Oh, sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
oh, sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
unto the shore? The rock of Christ.

*Oh, sing hallelujah....*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will Heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
then sin and death will be destroyed,  
and we will feast in endless joy  
when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Oh, sing hallelujah....  
Oh, sing hallelujah....*

Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death.

**Matt Boswell. Matt Papa, Keith Getty,  
Matt Merker, Jordan Kauflin**

## PRAYERS

*Service book page 15*

*Including The Lord's Prayer*

## NOTICES

### BIBLE READINGS:

**Isaiah 63:1-11**

*Pew bible OT page 703*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Luke 4:14-30**

*Pew bible NT page 58*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### SONG

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all His mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
into His most marvellous light;  
brought His truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name be glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but He brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of Heaven above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know His welcome  
and His countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people He intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your Master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service –  
sing His praise, His love declare.

*James Edward Seddon*

**SERMON** *Rev Andrew Cinnamond*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*First one in the service book page 16*

**SONG** *(during this song a collection will be taken)*

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,  
give grace for every hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.

*Stuart Townend & Keith Getty*

## FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

*Second one in the service book page 17*

*Members of the Prayer Ministry team are ready to  
pray with you in confidence in the front right corner of  
the Hall after the service this morning*

You may prefer to give contactlessly – if so  
please use the payment unit by the main hall  
door or scan this code with a smartphone.



Please feel free to take service sheets home