



**Bulletin for Sunday 8th March 2026**

**Lent 3**

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

**8.00am: Book of Common Prayer** p89

**10.00am: Together @ 10**

**In the Baptist Church: 5.00pm: Choral Communion**

**Readings:** Romans 5:1-11 John: 4:5-42

**Hymns:** 368, 174(T248), 480, 318, 556

**Merbecke Anthem:** Ave Verum – Mozart (NOEAB 14)

**Prayer Pointers**

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

✝ A prayer from the Iranian-born Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani: - *We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East, at this time of fear and uncertainty. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering. Guide those with the power to make decisions, and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation; that people of good will would seek harmony and reconciliation. Join with our Christian brothers and sisters in praying for peace with justice, through Him who is the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

✝ Pray for global, national and local initiatives seeking to fulfil the UN Sustainable Development Goal 10 **“Reduce Inequalities”** - pray that those of us who are more wealthy and privileged might work for equality of opportunities for all in this country and overseas. As today is **International Women’s Day**, pray especially for gender equality in a world where many barriers to gender equality still exist.

✝ Continue to pray for **Project Inspire**, for the builders and for all who are monitoring progress.

✝ **Scripture Union Pakistan** ask us to pray for peace and stability in the country; for the appointment of a new SU National Director; for staff safety as they travel in the field; for Sunday School Teacher’s Training for 500 teachers from different Churches around the country.

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

**Dates for your Diary**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm at the Memorial Hall. Mothers Union- The Dorcas Dress Project.**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March 2pm – making Mothering Sunday posies – at the Cottage. Volunteers please: Kathy 07508563905**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – MU enrolment of new members followed by tea and cake. St Mary’s Fairford. Lifts available**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm ‘Be still!’ Lent Group Service at the Baptist Church:** all the Lent Groups share some insights from their group meetings. Everyone welcome.

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall – concert by the ever-popular Lechlade Occasional Choir led by Colin Dowdeswell. A variety of enjoyable music – entry free – wine/soft drinks available - donations at the end of the concert please, in aid of Project Inspire.**

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>, Apr – 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall – Maundy Thursday Agape Meal – join us to share in a meal.**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – 10am at the Memorial Hall – Good Friday Reflections at the Cross** with the choir. Join us for an hour sharing contemplations and music for Good Friday.

**Other Items**

**Open Gardens on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Please put the date in your diary now! Would you like your garden to be included in this **Project Inspire** fund raising event? If so, please speak with Susan Holmes (253268) or Richard Bell (253888). Full details nearer the event.

**Advance notice:** Calling all women! Women's Day Conference on Hebrews: 'Running with Endurance' St Mary's Church, Maidenhead Sat. 16th May £25 concessions £17.50) (+transport costs) (Please see Kate Cinnamon for further information. Sign up sheet at the back of the Memorial Hall

**Save the Date!** This year’s very popular Holiday Club (Big Top Holiday Bible Club) will be running on Mon 24, Tues 25 and Wed 26 August, in the Memorial Hall. There will be a short initial meeting after the Sunday morning service on 22nd March (11:30am) in the memorial hall for anyone expressing an interest in helping in any capacity. Please speak to Andrew or Kate if you cannot make the meeting but are interested in helping or want to find out more.



This week (9-15 March), join the UK’s biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste. Count every piece of plastic packaging you throw away to uncover the true scale of the UK’s plastics crisis and call on the government to do more about it. Will you join? Sign up at <https://tbpc2026.com/email-website>

**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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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.

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