



Bulletin for Sunday 19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

In Lechlade Memorial Hall – Main Hall:

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p139

10.00am: Informal Service of the Word *with groups for children and young people*

5.00pm: Choral Evensong, Baptist Church

Readings: Acts 2:14a,36-41, Luke 24:13-35

Hymns: 165(omit2&3), 162(omit3), 435(T1) **Psalms:**48

Canticles: Moeran in D **Responses:** Smith 4-part

Anthem: O taste & see- Vaughan Williams (NOEAB 166)

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✠ Pray for all young people in the final weeks before **important exams begin in May** that they may have patience, perseverance and peace in their studies, knowing that so much depends on the results.
- ✠ Pray for all the **preparations of our “Big Top” Summer Holiday Bible Club**; for the volunteers as they meet today to begin to make plans. Pray that God will protect and richly bless all the children who come that they may have fun as they learn about Jesus and his love for them throughout their lives.
- ✠ Continue to pray for **Project Inspire** and for all who are monitoring progress of the work in the church building, especially for Nigel Jones who chairs the project group, and for Richard Bell who supports him.
- ✠ **“Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions”** (UN Sustainable Development Goal 16). Pray for world leaders who have a duty to protect freedom of religion or belief. Pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith; and especially for the **Christians in Pakistan** where many churches and homes have been attacked and burnt.
- ✠ Pray for **Gabriel Parra in Chile** as he explores the possibility of opening a Port Chaplaincy in Valparaíso together with Mission to Seafarers. He has been on a training course in Houston and visited the Chaplaincy in Panama. He prays that this future work will complement his role as pastor of the Church in Valparaíso.

Midweek Prayer and fellowship, do join us:

1st 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

Dates for your Diary

Mon 20th Apr – 1.30pm-3pm – Church Cottage – Ladies’ Fellowship restarts with a new study this week.

Wed 6th May – 9.30am-11am – Memorial Hall (social room) – Little Lights meet for songs, story, craft, play and snacks. Pre-school children welcome with carers. No booking needed.

Thu 7th May – 7.30pm at The Trout Inn – Men Aloud Out. Join us for a drink and discussion led by David Turtle on ‘Update on AI and the way it affects our lives’.

Sat 16th May:

For ladies: St Mary’s Church, Maidenhead Women’s Day Conference on Hebrews: ‘Running with Endurance’ £25 concessions £17.50) (+transport) see Kate Cinnamon for information. Sign-up sheet at the back of the Memorial Hall.

For men: Swyre Barton Farm, Coln St Aldwyn’s - Flame2026 day conference ‘Stepping up and Stepping out in Faith’. Book online at www.flame.farm

Sun 17th May – after the 10am service we will hold our Annual Church Meetings, after which all are invited to bring and share picnic lunch at Swyre Barton Farm (please sign up if you need or can offer lifts, we may have the minibus).

Sat 6th Jun – 2pm-5pm around Lechlade – Open Gardens with teas and plants at the Memorial Hall, in aid of Project Inspire. Early-bird tickets - with free prize draw - available online at stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/events

Sat 13th Jun – 9am-11am – Memorial Hall – Ladies’ Breakfast ‘Words and Pictures’, speaker Rosie Emmerson. Tickets £8 each, available now.

Sun 30th Aug Services – ADVANCE WARNING!! There will be **no 8am service** on this day, and the 10am service will be held at Swyre Barton Farm. After the service we are invited to share lunch together in a bring-and-share style. Lifts will be available, possibly the minibus, please sign up if you need or can offer lifts.

Other Items

Open Gardens for Project Inspire - please bring donations of plants and flowers on 6th June to the Memorial Hall, where we are having a plant stall. Please also bring any donations of cake etc to the Hall for the teas.

Vacuum cleaner – do you have a spare one? The one in the Cottage has given up. Please speak to Susan Holmes.



Spend time in nature - Nature is good for our mental health. Try to immerse yourself in nature every day, even for just a few minutes and give thanks to God for His good creation. See <https://arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/>

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