



Bulletin for Sunday 10th May 2026
6th Sunday of Easter

In Lechlade Memorial Hall – Main Hall:

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p146

10.00am: Together@10 All age Service

5.00pm: Choral Communion, Baptist Church

Readings: Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

Hymns: 492, 391, 258, 315, 267

Merbecke If ye love me - Tallis (NCAB 177)

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

✚ In a world with so much pain, anger and violence let us join with Christians around the world in a huge global wave of prayer for 11 days 14-24 May between **Ascension** (the day that Jesus ascended into Heaven) and **Pentecost** (when his followers received the gift of the Holy Spirit), to commit to **daily prayer for five people we know**, asking that they might experience the life-changing love of God, knowing that we cannot change the world, but God can change people's lives.

✚ Pray for the ministry of Christian Aid as this is **Christian Aid Week** (10th–16th May). This year, Christian Aid is focusing on supporting mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, as they face urban poverty and the daily challenge of providing food for their children.

✚ Pray for our new curate **David Ridal, with his wife Lucy and son Bertie**, as he finishes his studies at Wycliff Hall in Oxford, and prepares for ordination on 28th June. He asks us to pray specifically *“For a good finish to our time at our current church and for me as I finish my studies.”*

✚ Give thanks and pray for **Ishraq Jalali** who has just been appointed **National Director of Scripture Union Pakistan**, that God will bless him as he settles in, and now plans for a busy summer of Vacation Bible Schools across the country.



No Mow May 2026 is an annual conservation campaign led by the charity **Plantlife** that encourages gardeners to lock up their lawnmowers for the month of May. By skipping the mow, you allow wildflowers in the lawn to grow, providing a vital source of nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

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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Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th May – 1.30pm-3pm, Church Cottage – Ladies' Fellowship Join us for tea and Bible study.

Mon 11th May – 7pm at Kathy's – Mothers' Union evening meeting. Hope Price speaks on Healing. Supporters welcome as well as members. RSVP to Mary Williams please.

Wed 13th May – 2pm-4pm, Memorial Hall – Mothers' Union monthly meeting. This month Gordon Dey talks to us about Sri Lanka. All welcome. £3.

Sat 16th May – for men: Swyre Barton Farm, Coin 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, followed by a bring and share picnic lunch from 1pm at Swyre Barton Farm (please sign up if you need or can offer lifts, we may have the minibus).

Mon 18th May – 6.30pm for a couple of hours – Churchyard Working Party. Please do help us tidy the churchyard - bring shears, gloves and spades.

Wed 20th May – 9.30am-11am, Memorial Hall (social room) – Little Lights meet for songs, story, craft, play and snacks. Pre-school children welcome with carers.

Sat 6th Jun – 2pm-5pm around Lechlade – Open Gardens with teas and plants at the Memorial Hall, in aid of Project Inspire. Tickets available online at www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/events or the Health Box.

Sun 7th Jun – 2pm-4pm – Tea party at the Vicarage with guests 'Open Doors', who care for the Persecuted Church around the world. All welcome. Absolutely free. There will be a short presentation on the work of Open Doors.

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

Other Items

Have you a profusion of plants or a surfeit of seedlings? We are having a plant stall on **6th June** at the Memorial Hall during the Open Gardens event. Please bring any donations of plants or flowers to the Hall on the day.

Open Gardens Teas: Help is needed on the day at the Memorial Hall to serve teas & cakes. Please either add your name to the list at the appropriate time that you are available or contact Shirley White 07763111352. If you can make a cake for this please sign the list and mention what type of cake you are making so that we can ensure a wide variety is available. Any queries please contact Shirley as above. Thank you.

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