



Bulletin for Sunday 17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

In Lechlade Memorial Hall – Main Hall:

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p146

10.00am: Informal Service of the Word, with Children's and Youth groups

5.00pm: Choral Communion, Baptist Church

Readings: 1 Thess 2:1-16, Matt 25:14-30

Hymns: 278, 401, 490(T1)

Psalm 47

Canticles: Moeran in D

Responses: Smith 4-part

There's a wideness in God's mercy - Bevan NOEAB 224

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 our **Annual Church Meetings** today and for decisions made, that these may all help to further our God-given ministry to our local community. Give thanks for our **PCC members** - especially our Wardens Paul and Susan, and also our PCC Secretary Vicky for all they do behind the scenes. Pray also for our church Bring and Share lunch today.
- ✝ Give thanks for progress on **Project Inspire**, reordering the church building, and continue to pray for our contractors and for Nigel and Richard as they daily monitor progress of the work.
- ✝ Pray for the **Diocese of Dornakal** (South India) as they elect a new Bishop this week, following the retirement of Rt Rev Padma Rao. Pray that God will guide the electors to choose the person of His choice

Dates for your Diary

TODAY 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.

Mon 18th May – 1.30pm-3pm, Church Cottage – Ladies' Fellowship Join us for tea and Bible study.

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.

Mon 1st Jun – 7.30pm at the Vicarage – Parish Prayer meeting please join us to pray for the needs of our families, our town, our world.

Sat 6th Jun – 2pm-5pm around Lechlade – Open Gardens with teas and plants at the Memorial Hall, in aid of Project Inspire. Tickets available now 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.

Sat 1st Aug – 6pm-9pm Swyre Barton Farm – Family Barn Dance SAVE THE DATE – ticket details soon.

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 donations of plants or flowers to the Hall on the day.

Open Gardens Teas: Help is needed on 6th June at the Memorial Hall to serve teas & cakes. Please either add your name to the list at to show when you are available or contact Shirley White 07763111352. If you can make a cake, please sign the list with the type of cake you plan to make so that we can ensure a wide variety is available. Any queries please contact Shirley as above. Thank you.

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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No Mow May 2026 is an annual conservation campaign by the charity **Plantlife** encouraging gardeners to lock up their lawnmowers for the month of May. This allows wildflowers in the lawn to grow, providing a vital source of nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

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