



St Lawrence Church

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

at Lechlade Memorial Hall

Sunday 17th May 2026
7th Sunday of Easter

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*

GREETING Shirley Bell

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SONGS (both twice)

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us and gave us life.
We'll shout Your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
we'll give to You our offering in celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing,
celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing,
celebrate and sing to the King.*

Patricia Morgan

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My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing:
power and majesty, praise to the King;
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
for ever I'll love You, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Darlene Zschech

PRAYER as the children leave for their groups

CONFESSION

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Service book page 15

COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find
forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God
the Father. **Amen**

PRAYERS

Service book page 15

Including The Lord's Prayer

SONG

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

NOTICES

BIBLE READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Church bible NT page 200

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 25:14-30

Church bible NT page 27

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together,
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard

SERMON *Rev Andrew Cinnamond*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

O Lord, whose saving name
is life and health and rest,
to whom the children came
and in Your arms were blessed,
we seek Your face; Your love be shown,
Your presence known within this place.

That love be ours to share with tenderness and skill,
with science, faith and prayer
to work Your sovereign will;
We praise You, Lord, for banished pain,
for strength again, for health restored.

When deepest shadows fall
to quench life's fading spark,
Be near us when we call,
walk with us through the dark,
our Light and Way, by grief and loss,
and bitter cross, to endless day.

Join every heart to bring our praise to God above,
Whom children's voices sing
and whom unseen we love.
O God of grace, for evermore
Your blessings pour upon this place.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

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**Our service will be followed immediately on by
the Church Annual Meetings, and then a bring-
and-share picnic lunch at Swyre Barton Farm –
lifts available**

*Members of the Prayer Ministry team are ready to
pray with you in confidence in the social room off
the main 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