



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Please submit items for the bulletin by 6pm on
Wednesday to bulletin@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

Bulletin for Sunday 26th July 2026

8th Sunday after Trinity

In Lechlade Memorial Hall – Main Hall:

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p169

10.00am: Informal Service of the Word

5.00pm: Evening Prayer, Baptist Church

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ Give thanks for the **many volunteers** who help in so many ways in our church life together – as welcomers, setting up for Sunday services and clearing away afterwards; leading intercessions; handling the church finances; providing refreshments week by week; helping with children and young people on Sunday and during the week; leading our singing and music, etc. Pray that more people may be inspired to use their gifts in these ways.
- ✚ Pray (with Bishop Robert) that the **summer break, when we step back and rest**, will allow all of us a chance to reset, to look again towards the wider horizon of what we seek, and to commit ourselves not simply to what we want, but to the common good and to the values of the Kingdom for which, as a Church, we are called to work.
- ✚ In today's rapidly changing political situation **pray for our Government** – for Andy Burnham as he takes over as new Prime Minister.
- ✚ Pray for all **exam candidates** as they anxiously await results which will determine their future.
- ✚ **Gabriel Parra (Valparaiso, Chile)** and his congregation asks prayer *"for clarity and wisdom in leading the church through the next steps, as they change their place of worship to St Paul's Cathedral in July. I know that some will feel unsettled and that there will be significant challenges for the ministry and leadership teams."*



Eco Tip - As we drink to keep hydrated in the heat, remember also our wildlife. Put a dish of water out to help birds, insects and small mammals to stay hydrated. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. See arochoa.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat.

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.

Contact us: 07876 172613, info@stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

Web: www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

Facebook: [stlawrencelechlade](https://www.facebook.com/stlawrencelechlade) ('like' to see updates)

Dates for your Diary

Sat 1st Aug – 6pm-9pm at Swyre Barton Farm – Family Barn Dance with supper. Tickets now available online at www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk.

Tue 4th Aug – 6.30pm at the Trout Inn: Men Aloud Out. Aunt Sally evening with meal; come at 6.30pm to order your meal from the bar; all welcome to chat and compete. (Note this date is changed from Wed 5th).

Sun 23rd Aug – in the Memorial Hall – setting up for Holiday Bible Club, after the 10am service onwards. If you can help, please let Tessa know (01367 253100).

Mon 24th-Wed 26th Aug – 9.15am-12.25pm in the Memorial Hall – Big Top Holiday Bible Club. Registration for children is now open via the church website, there are still some spaces available. If you know anyone with primary school aged children (aged 5-11) who may be interested, please ask them to look on the website to book a place – www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/events.

Sat 26th Sep – in the Memorial Hall – church family meal which we will share with Ram Prasad and Keshari who will be visiting Lechlade, and there will be a presentation evening.

Sun 27th Sep – 10am in the Memorial Hall – Ram will preach at our service.

Other Items

Big Top Holiday Bible Club: If anyone else would like to be involved in any way in the Holiday Club, either before the event or during the sessions themselves, please speak to Tessa Cobb - email paulandtessa2015@outlook.com, tel 253100. We now have enough boxes and kitchen rolls etc, thank you.

Children's Groups: We are seeking additional adult helpers to run our children's groups on a Sunday during the 10am service. Please contact Kate or Tessa (253100).

Service Sheets: we are hoping to reduce the number of single-use service sheets we generate. *If you are happy to use just the screen for words of songs etc, please don't take a service sheet so that we can see how many we actually need.*

Ram and Keshari will be visiting Lechlade the weekend of 25-27 September. We do need someone to offer accommodation (bed and breakfast) to them for 3 nights Friday 25th - Monday 28th. If you are able to help, please contact David Bainbridge on 01367 250347 or davidbainbridge1973@gmail.com. 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