



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

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

Bulletin - Sunday 18th October 2026

Trinity 20

In Lechlade Memorial Hall – Main Hall:

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer p188

10.00am: Informal service of the Word with
children's and youth groups

5.00pm: Choral Evensong, Baptist Church

Readings: 1 John 3:11-24, Matthew 5:38-48

Hymns: 398, 474, 497

Psalms: 142

Canticles: Stanford in C

Responses: Sanders

Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford (NOEAB 133)

Prayer Pointers

(please take this bulletin home with you to pray)

- ✚ Today is **Anti-Slavery Day**. Modern slavery in UK is often hidden but generally ignored as we all look for cheap goods and services. Yet God longs to grant justice. Pray for all who work to fight this crime and bring freedom to those being exploited (see Modern Slavery Helpline: www.unseen.uk.org)
- ✚ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. (1 John 3:17,18). Pray for **wisdom and grace as we face daily challenges** in how we use our limited resources and show love in truth and action.
- ✚ Continue to pray for those who have asked to be **prepared for Confirmation**, that God may richly bless them as they take this step of public commitment.
- ✚ Give thanks and pray for our **Churchwardens, Paul and Susan**, and their families, with all the pressure on them. Also for **the PCC members** as they make decisions about our life together.
- ✚ **Pray for the broadcast ministry of SAT-7 in the Middle East**. Their Arabic podcast brings difficult and sometimes painful questions into the open, through personal testimony, Bible teaching and honest discussion.



Eco Tip: Consider using **bar soap**, which lasts longer, is more environmentally friendly and is more cost effective than liquid soap which uses up to 20 times more packaging.

Midweek Prayer and fellowship, do join us:

On Wednesdays at 9am when we meet in Church 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

Mon 19th Oct – 1.30-3pm at Box Tree House – Women's Bible Fellowship we continue our study on aspects of Life with Jesus. All ladies welcome.

Tue 20th Oct – 7:30pm at the vicarage - meeting for Sunday Children's Groups leaders and helpers. If anyone wants to find out more about how to support the children's work at church, please come to the meeting or contact Tessa (paulandtessa2015@outlook.com or 01367 253100).

Wed 21st Oct – 9.30am in the Memorial Hall - Little Lights pram service and pre-school play. No charge or need to book. 'Sheep – God wants us to follow him'.

Sat 31st Oct – 4pm onwards – Light in the Darkness Pumpkin Trail. Would you be able to carve a pumpkin and display it in Lechlade? Please speak to Kate.

Thu 5th Nov – 7pm at The Trout – Men aloud Out - Join us for drinks and general discussion on recent news items.

Sat 7th Nov – 9am-11.30am – churchyard working party. A general tidy up before winter sets in. Please bring shears, secateurs and loppers plus gloves.

Sun 29 Nov – 10am in the Memorial Hall – confirmation service (see below)

Other Items

Wanted! We need some kitchen roll cardboard tubes for Explorers at school at the beginning of November. Please let Tessa have any old tubes instead of recycling them.

The Mothers' Union are collecting items (**via Jean Brown**) to give to ladies released from prison in order that they have some dignity. We would be grateful for any of these please: sanitary products, toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small hairbrushes, combs, scrunchies, hair bobbles, new knickers, bras and socks, coffee vouchers and small holdalls/rucksacks. *No tea, coffee, sugar sachets or toiletries liberated from hotels/cruises please!* Jean will collect up to **21st October**.

Visit to Dornakal: Mrs Penny Fayter is leading a trip to Dornakal 12-20 February 2027. If you are interested in joining the trip, or would like further information, please contact David Bainbridge on 01367 250347 or davidbainbridge1973@gmail.com.

Confirmation: Our 10am Advent Sunday service on 29 November with Bp Rachel will be a service of Confirmation and Communion. If you would like to be confirmed at this service, please have a chat with the vicar.

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