

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 5th October

Family Worship, with Communion 9.15am  
Morning Worship, 11.15am

### Wednesday 8th October

Places of Welcome, 10am - 11.30pm  
Open Church, 10am - 12pm

### Thursday 9th October

Tots and Toddlers, 9.30am - 11am

### Sunday 12th October

Harvest Sunday 10.30am  
Confirmation Preparation, 6pm

**Today at 4pm**

## Songs of Praise Celebration

Celebrating 40 Years of Music Ministry  
and David Richmond's Retirement



## ST LAURENCE CHURCH SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Here, everyone is welcome, valued, and loved by God and each other as we explore faith and prayer together

### WELCOME TO ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Whether it's your first visit or your hundredth, you are warmly welcome. We hope you encounter the peace and love of God in this time of worship.

For those who prefer a more interactive or flexible way of engaging, our Be Space is a place to move, fidget, wonder, create, or simply be—without expectation or pressure. All ages are welcome to sit there and participate in the way that suits them best.

## Harvest Sunday - 10.30am

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will be welcoming a local farmer for our Harvest Sunday service. Come and hear about what farming life is like and the challenges they face that impact us all.

Also, don't forget to sign up for our Harvest Supper and Talent Show!

# HARVEST GATHERINGS

## Harvest Sunday

**Sunday 12th October at 10:30 am**

*Bring your Harvest gifts—be they vegetables, canned goods, or other thoughtful offerings—and join us in celebration.*

*All donations will go toward supporting the work of New Starts.*

## Shared Harvest Supper & Talent Show

**Friday 17th October at 7 pm at The Ark, Alvechurch**

*Come together for a warm, bring-a-plate shared supper—a modern echo of the traditional Harvest feast. Afterwards, enjoy a lively talent show! Performers, sign up in advance for a 5–7-minute act—either via the sign up sheet in church or contact Penny in the church office.*

### **Bible Readings:**

2 Timothy 1:1-14  
page 1195 in Pew Bible

Luke 17:5-10  
page 1051 in Pew Bible

### **The Collect Prayer**

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence and  
know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Psalm 137**

**Refrain: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.  
2 As for our lyres, we hung them up on the willows  
that grow in that land.  
3 For there our captors asked for a song,  
our tormentors called for mirth: 'Sing us one of the  
songs of Zion.'

**Refrain: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange  
land?  
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand  
forget its skill.  
6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, if I set not Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.

**Refrain: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

7 Remember, O Lord, against the people of Edom  
the day of Jerusalem, how they said, 'Down with it,  
down with it, even to the ground.'  
8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy the one who repays you  
for all you have done to us;  
9 Who takes your little ones, and dashes them  
against the rock.

**Refrain: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

### **Service to Commemorate the Departed**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6pm**

At this service we will read out the names of all those whose funerals we have taken in the last three years. If your loved one died before this and you would like them to be remembered in this service too then please do add their names to the list on the church table by the door.

### **Service to Commemorate the Departed**



For wedding, baptism, or funeral enquires, or to ask anything about the life, ministry and mission of St Leonard's and St Laurence Church please contact Penny.

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The parish office is open  
Tuesday - Thursday  
9.30am - 1.30pm