

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Family Communion - 9.15am

Morning Worship - 11.15am

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Prayer Group, St Leonard's Church - 7pm -8pm

Bell Ringing Practice, 7.30pm

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Places of Welcome, 10am - 11.30am

Open Church, 10am - 12pm

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

BCP Holy Communion, St Leonard's Church, 10am

Ark Tots and Toddlers - 9.30am

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Family Worship- 9.15am

Celebration of Holy Communion - 11.15am

## Monthly Joint Prayer Gathering

Thank you to everyone who joined the first gathering. The next meeting this week on Tuesday 3 February, 7.00–8.00pm, in the Tapestry Room.

This is a gentle, welcoming space for St Leonard's and St Laurence to pray together. Come and join us, whether to pray, listen, or simply be present. All are welcome.

## Lent Groups

We are just a few weeks away from lent, see Grapevine for the list of lent groups that are being offered this year and commit to joining one. This year we Journeying through lent with Matthew's Gospel as guided by Tom Wright.

For wedding, baptism, or funeral enquires, or to ask anything about the life, ministry and mission of St Laurence Church contact:



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



## ST LAURENCE CHURCH

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

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 this be your first time or hundredth time at St Laurence, you are very welcome.

We hope that in this time of worship you encounter and know the peace and love of God. If you would like further information about the worship, life and ministry of St Laurence or anything else, any member of our congregation will be happy to chat with you.

## Can You Help Us Strengthen Our Worshipping Community?

As a church family, we all share in creating a warm, prayerful, and welcoming space each Sunday. Some of our much-loved ministries; welcoming at the door, offering hospitality in The Ark after the service, reading the Bible in worship, and writing or leading prayers depend on the gifts of the whole congregation.

At the moment, we are especially vulnerable at our 9.15am service, and it would be a real loss if we were unable to continue offering these simple but important ministries of welcome, worship, and hospitality.

Our current rota runs until mid-April, so any new offers of help would begin from then onwards. If you feel able to serve in any of these ways—or would simply like to explore what's involved—please do speak to Revd Gail or Revd Martin.

Together, we can continue to grow a worshipping community where everyone belongs, everyone is welcomed, and everyone plays their part.

## Bible Readings:

Ephesians 4.1-16 **page 1175 in Pew Bible**

John 2: 1-11 **page 1064 in Pew Bible**

### The Collect Prayer

God of heaven,

you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and  
your messengers to every nation: send your Holy  
Spirit to transform us by the good news of  
everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Psalm 36: 5-10

**Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.**

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.  
6 Your righteousness stands like the strong  
mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; ♦  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.  
7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦  
All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

**Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.**

8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your  
house; ♦  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.  
9 For with you is the well of life ♦  
and in your light shall we see light.  
10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who  
know you ♦  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

**Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.**

### ALVECHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2026

**Monday 2 February 7.45pm**

A thousand years of heritage

St Laurence Tower Restoration Project

Graham Clark

Followed by AGM

Meetings held on the first Monday of the month  
September - June in The Ark

## St Leonard's Church Snowdrop Weekend

**Saturday 14th February**

10am - 4pm

**Sunday 15th February**

1pm - 4pm



### Re Ark time provision during 09:15 service

Thank you for your support of this and for making it  
a feature in the Sunday services. Thank you for  
welcoming people back into the service from Ark  
time to "show and tell".

As a team, we're concluding that the time has come  
to change the provision for several reasons (fewer  
helpers).

In the future, we won't be scheduling Ark time  
routinely.

We know this is a disappointment, but it feels  
necessary. We will keep the provision under review  
so we can respond as the needs continue to change.

What we can commit to is providing resources for  
people in the "be space." These will be for everyone  
as part of our commitment to inclusion and  
providing an area where anyone can remain  
connected to the service but worship in ways they  
find most helpful. We know this is a disappointment,  
but it is necessary due to a drain on scarce  
resources. We will soon be sharing a list of what help  
we need and as always your prayers are appreciated.

If you have any questions, do chat to one of us.  
Sarah Linton, Helen Ayling, Martin Allen,  
Stephen and Ruth Pritchett



Don't forget to pick your  
copy of February's  
Grapevine, take one for  
your neighbour too!

To donate to St Laurence scan the QR code for  
the area of church life you would like to support  
and follow the instructions on the link. Many  
thanks for your support



Organ Fund



General Fund



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