

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday

Cafe Worship - 9.15am Breakfast pastries served from 8.45am
Morning Worship - 11.15am

Monday 16th March

Lent group, The Rectory - 10am
Passion Play Rehearsal - 7pm
Lent group, Zoom - 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th March

Lent group, St Leonard's, - 1pm
Bell Ringing Practice, - 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th March

BCP Holy Communion, 10am in The Ark
Lent group, St Mary's Church, 10am
Places of Welcome, 10am - 11.30am
Open Church, 10am - 12pm
Lent group, 117 Birmingham Road - 7.30pm

Thursday 19th March

Ark Tots and Toddlers - 9.30am
Lent group, Alvechurch Baptist Church - 10.30am
Passion Play Rehearsal - 7pm
Lent Group, The Coach House, School Lane, 8pm

Saturday 21st March

Passion Play Rehearsal - 10am

Sunday 22nd March

Family Worship - 9.15am
Celebration of Holy Communion - 11.15am

Please see Grapevine for more information about the Lent Groups

Bible Readings:

Colossians 3: 12-17
page 1184 in Pew Bible

John 19: 25b-27
page 1088 in Pew Bible

The Collect Prayer

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday

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.



**All Together for
Palm Sunday**
Sunday 29th March
St Laurence Church, Alvechurch

If you would like to join us for a short procession, please join us at The Square, Alvechurch Village at 10.15am

Alternatively, gather at St Laurence Church ready at for the Palm Gospel before welcoming the procession outside the church at 10.30am

**HOSANNA
IN THE HIGHEST**

there will be no worship at St Leonard's, Beoley on this day. We are joining All Together at St Laurence, Alvechurch

Be Space is a place for all ages to explore faith in a way that is more creative, each week there are resources set up on the table to encourage reflection. Anybody is welcome to use this space.

Passion Play – Sewing Help Needed

We are urgently looking for a few people who are able to sew to help create some simple sashes for the Passion Play. All the material is ready, we just need willing hands and sewing skills! If you can help, please speak to Revd Gail as soon as possible. Thank you.

Readers Needed – Holy Saturday Vigil

As planning continues for our Holy Week services, we are looking for people to read during the Vigil and Service of Light on Holy Saturday (4th April), 7.00pm at St Laurence Church. If you are planning to attend and would be willing to read during the service, please speak to Revd Gail.

TOWER RESTORATION

Phase 2 **WORK COMPLETE!**

What did we do?

What did we find?

Come and find out

Friday 20th March

7.30pm in The Ark

Refreshments available



This project has been made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to The National Lottery players we were able to give this project the go ahead. And our grateful thanks to the contractors who have done such a great job



HOLY WEEK

ST LAURENCE, ALVECHURCH
AND ST LEONARD'S, BEOLEY



MARCH 29TH

PALM SUNDAY

All Together at St Laurence Church. 10.15am at The Square or 10.30am at Church. Please note there will be no worship at St Leonard's Church on this day, all are encouraged to gather at St Laurence Church

MARCH 30TH

HOLY MONDAY

Poets, Prayer and Food - 9am, The Tapestry room, St Leonards Church, Beoley. Begin your day with inspiration and a simple breakfast.

Online Compline (Night Prayer) Join us on YouTube or Facebook for Night Prayer.

MARCH 31ST

HOLY TUESDAY

Poets, Prayer and Food - 12pm, Rowney Green Chapel. Take a mid-day pause for reflection and enjoy a simple lunch.

Online Compline (Night Prayer) Join us on YouTube or Facebook for Night Prayer.

APRIL 1ST

HOLY WEDNESDAY

Poets, Prayer and Food - 3pm, The Ark, St Laurence Alvechurch. Conclude your afternoon with an enriching spiritual experience and simple refreshments.

Online Compline (Night Prayer) Join us on YouTube or Facebook for Night Prayer.

APRIL 2ND

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar - 10am, St Leonard's, Beoley

Come to the Table - 7pm, The Ark, Alvechurch. A simple meal reflecting the Last Supper followed by Gethsemane prayers in church.

APRIL 3RD

GOOD FRIDAY

A simple Passion Play - 10.30am, St Laurence, Alvechurch

Open Church - 12pm - 2pm, St Leonard's, Beoley. Church will be open for quiet pray and reflection.

The Good Friday Liturgy - 2pm, St Leonard's Church, Beoley

A simple Passion Play - 7pm, St Laurence, Alvechurch. A repeat of the morning story of the Passion.

APRIL 4TH

HOLY SATURDAY

Vigil and Service of Light - 7pm, St Laurence, Alvechurch

Help Needed - 9.15am Service

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our call for volunteers to help with worship and hospitality.

We are still looking for a few people to help at the 9.15am service. We currently need:

- Two welcomers
- Two people to lead intercessions (these can be written for you if you prefer)
- Two people to help serve tea and coffee in The Ark after the service

At present we are able to offer refreshments three weeks out of four. If we cannot fill this fourth week, from April there will be one Sunday each month when refreshments are not available.

If you might be able to help with any of these roles, please speak to Revd Gail.

Maundy Thursday Meal

This year we are repeating the Maundy Thursday meal with anointing and communion, this will be held in The Ark, Alvechurch. So we can cater for this please can you sign up, there is no charge for the meal. The meal will be, shared dishes of warm breads and pitta, olives and olive oil, lentils and grains, roasted vegetables, cheese, and other simple Middle Eastern flavours

Easter Lilies: in Loving Memory

Each Easter our church is filled with lilies sponsored in memory of loved ones, a symbol of hope, new life, and resurrection. If you would like to sponsor a lily, please place your donation in an envelope with the name(s) you wish to remember written clearly on the front. Names will be displayed in church at Easter and published in May's Grapevine.

For wedding, baptism, or funeral enquires, or to ask anything about the life, ministry and mission of St Laurence Church contact : Penny Walker, Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm

Phone: 0121 447 7955,

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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



Churchyard Fund