

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 26th April

United Worship - Giving thanks for Sue's Ministry as she retires - 10.30am

Tuesday 28th April

Bell Ringing Practice, - 7.30pm

Wednesday 29th April

Places of Welcome, 10am - 11.30am

Open Church, 10am - 12pm

Thursday 30th April

Ark Tots and Toddlers - 9.30am

Sunday 3rd May

Family Communion - 9.15am

Morning Worship - 11.15am

GRAPEVINE

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May 2026



The Spirit Among Us
In ordinary moments, unexpected places, and the life we share together.

May's Grapevine is out now! Don't forget to pick up your copy and one for your neighbour too.

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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ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Sunday 26th April

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.

Celebrating Sue's Ministry as she retires from being an Authorised Lay Minister

In today's worship at St Laurence, we give thanks to God for Sue's faithful ministry as an Authorised Lay Minister over the past 20 years.

As we gather in worship, we celebrate all that Sue has shared among us, in leading, preaching, caring, and serving. And we offer our gratitude for the ways her ministry has helped shape our life together.

We hold Sue in our prayers as she steps back from this role, giving thanks for all that has been, and entrusting the next chapter into God's care.



Preparing for Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 10th May

Our APCM is an important moment in the life of the church. It is a time when we come together to reflect on the past year, give thanks for all that has been, and look ahead to where we sense God calling us next. It is also when key decisions are made and people are elected to help shape and support the mission and ministry of St Laurence.

To take part fully, there are a few important things to be aware of:

Electoral Roll – Closing Sunday 19th April

The Electoral Roll is a simple but important way of saying, *“This is my church – I belong here.”*

If you are not on the Electoral Roll, or are unsure if you are, you are warmly encouraged to complete a form before it closes on Sunday 19th April. After this date, no new names can be added until after the APCM.

Being on the Electoral Roll means you are able to:

- Vote at the APCM
- Stand for election to roles within the church
- Play a fuller part in the life and decision-making of the church

Nominations Now Open

We are now receiving nominations for several key roles. If you care about the life of this church and would like to help shape its future, please do consider prayerfully whether you might be called to serve:

- **Churchwardens** (elected annually, for up to a 5-year term)
- **Deputy Churchwardens** (elected annually)
- **Deanery Synod Representatives** (a new 3-year term)

This is a particularly significant time, as General Synod also begins a new term this year. Deanery Synod members help elect representatives to General Synod, offering a voice in the wider, national Church.

- PCC Members

We can have 9 elected members. With 5 continuing, this leaves 4 spaces to be filled. If you have a heart for the church’s mission and ministry and would value being part of the conversation and decision-making, please consider standing.

Nomination forms for all roles are now available.

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