

In Touch



St LAWRENCE CHURCH
BOVINGDON

Serving the Community

Sunday 21st September 2025

St Matthew

Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew
the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish
pursuit of gain and the possessive
love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your
Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

This Sunday 21st September St Matthew

Proverbs 3.13–18
2 Corinthians 4.1–6
Matthew 9.9–13

9.30am Family Praise
10.30am Parish Communion

Next Sunday 28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 6.1a , 4–7
1 Timothy 6.6–19
Luke 16.19–end

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Praise
10.30am Morning Prayer
4.15pm Explorers

Prayer List

Kuldip Dhadda
Philip -Karen's Dad
Jean & Mike Rose
Alaina Parsons
Mary Beard
Carol Leonard
Andy Jackson
Lee Roberts
David Kinchen
Liz Nolan

Elliott Bridge
Jenny Sparks
Ivan Carter (snr)
Bryan Hedley
David Moncrieff
Stephen Mahoney
Glenys Welstead
Josie Woodhams
Margaret Barnes

Those who mourn the loss of

Canon Keith Withington Stuart Oastler
Alan Gurnett Laurence Black

This Week at St Lawrence

Mon 9.00am	Toddlers
Wed 9.00am	Toddlers (Memorial Hall)
Thurs 9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 10.00am	Welcome Café (Church)
Fri 6.00pm	Choir practice

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in
tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of
your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices for 21st September

Explorers (7-11's) starts up again on Sunday afternoon at 4.15pm at the Baptist Church.

Pilgrim: a course for the Christian journey. Want to explore the Christian faith with a group of like minded people? We're starting a new course on Tuesday 23rd September. Pick up a leaflet or speak to Charles for more details. You can watch an introductory video online.

Angela is running 'What's on your mind?', a monthly conversation on life, faith and purpose for 13-18 year olds, starting on Friday 3rd October. For more information contact Angela Hodgkinson angela.hodkinson@stlawrencebovingdon.com

We will be filling shoeboxes again this autumn for **Teams4U**. Can we beat last year's total of 65 boxes? With your help the answer is Yes! Please start collecting empty boxes and suitable contents now. The last Sunday for delivery to church will be 9th November.

The Friends of St Lawrence are looking for new Trustees. If you would like to help fundraise for the maintenance of our beautiful church and churchyard please have a word with John Walker (Chair).

Do you want to reduce your personal carbon footprint? 'Living life to the full' – a seminar exploring practical action to fix our planet takes place at St Mary's Church, Watford WD18 0EG on Saturday 27th September 7-9pm.

A 27-foot-tall sculpture called the 'Knife Angel', crafted from over 100,000 confiscated knives and blades, will be on display in Welwyn Garden City throughout October. Chris West writes, "I know many Church members have a passion for protecting young people and the dangers of knife crime. The sculpture is truly stunning, and a poignant reminder of the need to continue to pray for the safety of young people."

October dates for your diary:

Sunday 5th October 10.00am: Harvest Festival

Saturday 18th October 7.00pm: Concert by Floyd Parris, jazz guitarist and singer

Friday 31st October: Light Party

As well as DENS we are supporting local families who are struggling to put food on the table. A barrier to buying something for the food collection can be remembering. **A good technique is to buy two of a favourite item and donate one.**

If you would like to contribute, the following items would be very helpful:

- tinned vegetables, fruit, meat or fish
- dried pasta, rice or lentils
- pasta sauces
- tea, coffee, squash
- breakfast cereals
- soap, detergent, washing up liquid



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