In Touch

St LAWRENCE CHURCH
BOVINGDON
Serving the Community

Sunday 5th October 2025
Harvest Festival

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday 5th October 2025
Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 26.1–11
Philippians 4.4–9
John 6.25–35

10.00am Family Communion

Next Sunday 12th October 2025
17th Sunday After Trinity

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15
2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19

DENS
Helping Rebuild Lives

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Praise
10.30am Parish Communion
4.15pm Messy Church

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
Mary & Doug Beard

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 (Memorial Hall)
Fri	6.30pm	Choir practice

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered
thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and
the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices for 5th October

Our collections today will go to the **Bishop's Harvest Appeal 'Rewrite Their Future',** working towards increasing access to education for some of the world's most under-resourced communities. You can also give to this appeal via our Giving page.

There will be a short presentation and update on our **'Patience' project** after the service at about 11.15am.

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.

Dates for your diary:
Saturday 18th October 7.00pm: **Concert by Floyd Parris**, jazz guitarist and singer
Friday 31st October: **Light Party**
Sunday 2nd November at 4.00pm: **Annual Memorial Service**
Sunday 9th November at 10.30am: **Remembrance Sunday** service
Saturday 15th November 2-5pm: **Christmas Market.** If you are able to help please contact Amanda Deacon amanda.hibbert2021@gmail.com We will need tombola and raffle prizes, cakes and home produce.

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)

Liberty Tea Rooms are running a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money course to help people better manage their finances over two sessions on 3rd & 11th November, 11:30am - 2:30pm. Booking is essential, please call Janet on 07944 203918 to book a place of for further information

The school are looking for Community Reading Champions. Whether you are a parent, carer, grandparent or a member of the local community, your time could help boost children's confidence and their enjoyment of books. You can choose to volunteer for a few hours each week, or just a few times a month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office with your availability.

We have some spare Daily Bible reading notes for September – December at the back of church, please feel free to take one and try it out before paying.

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.**

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