

In Touch

Sunday 6th September 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



Prayer List

The Sick and those in need

Ezekiel 33.7–11
Romans 13.8–end
Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14

10.00am Family Communion

Collect

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and
earth,
you are the Word through whom all
things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of
life:
draw us into the mystery of your
love,
that with all creation we may
proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of
your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth be
transformed
by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kuldip Dhadda	Penny Havercroft
Vera -	Maureen West
(Karen's Mother)	Jenny Cleaver
Andy Jackson	Lindsay Westcott
Lee Roberts	Jean Rose
David Kinchen	Frances Freebrey
Elliott Bridge	Steve Channer
Jenny Sparks	Simon Woodhams
David Moncrieff	Stephen Watkins
Margaret Barnes	Eleanor Keen
Will Dickinson	Greg Watson
Ann Clark	Maria Budd
Sue Pesch	Lesley Baldwin

Those who mourn the loss of

Miguel Santos

The wedding of

Jonathan Derland & Olivia Tuff

The wedding anniversary of

Mick & Jean Rose

Next Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50.15–21
Romans 14.1–12
Matthew 18.21–35

9.30am Family Praise
10.30am Parish Communion

This Week at St Lawrence

Mon 9 – 11	Toddlers
Wed 9 – 11	Toddlers
Thurs 10-12	Welcome Café
Friday 6.00pm	Choir practice
Sat 2pm	Wedding @ St Paul's

Readings

Ezekiel 33.7–11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 13.8–end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.'

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES

We will be supporting **Teams4U** again this year by donating Christmas shoeboxes for vulnerable children in eastern Europe. We have a supply of empty shoe boxes to share, we just need you to wrap and fill them! There are leaflets to pick up after services on Sunday with advice about what items to collect or you can go to the Teams4U website <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/> Helen and Paul Campbell are travelling out to help distribute shoeboxes in December and there is a fundraising Quiz Night in October to support this trip – see details overleaf.

NOTICES

Thanks to everyone who came to our Back to School BBQ on Wednesday. We prayed for all children returning to school and specially for those starting at new schools. The rain held off and we had a great time!

Would you be interested in joining a **home group**? It's a great way to deepen both friendships and faith in an informal setting. We currently have groups meeting on a Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon but would love to have more. Have a word with Flick Crockett, Val Rolls or Charles.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 19th September at 2.00pm: Installation of Bishop Andrew as **Bishop of St Albans**. Most tickets for this service have already been allocated (2 per parish) but public booking is open via the Cathedral website.

Sunday 4th October at 10.00am: **Harvest Festival** in the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm: Deanery **Confirmation service** at St Paul's, Chipperfield. Come and support our candidates.

Friday 16th October at 7.00pm: **Quiz Night** to support Helen and Paul Campbell's journey to deliver shoeboxes in Eastern Europe with Teams 4U.

Start to organise your table of 8 now! You can sign up to take part at the back of church on Sunday or e-mail Helen Campbell

admin@stlawrencebovingdon.com

The **Masked Singer** is being filmed at Bovingdon Airfield on several days at the end of September/early October. Families can book free tickets directly (up to 6 tickets each). Note that entry is for ages 8+, and children aged 8 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult. For the booking link see the weekly notices e-mail or contact Helen Campbell.

As well as DENS we are supporting local families who are struggling to put food on the table. **We badly need more essential items!** 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.

To donate to St Lawrence using your mobile phone, please scan this QR code, or navigate to: bit.ly/donate-slcb



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