

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are in urgent need of recruiting more volunteers to clean the church. If we have sufficient numbers of cleaners it will require no more than two 2-hour sessions per team per year. Please speak to one of the church wardens or Sandra Rigby-Barrett if you are able to help. Thank you for considering this role.

ADVENT TAIZÉ EVENING

St Dunstan's Church, Woking, GU22 7DT, are holding an Advent Taizé Evening, to which all churches are invited is on **Monday 18th December 2023 at 7.30pm**. The service will last about an hour, followed by light refreshments

Food Bank Donations Update—most needed items for December 2023:

Baby food and milk; honey; mayonnaise; tinned salmon; instant mashed potato; coffee; fruit squash; packets of biscuits; long life milk whole type; long life fruit juice; chocolate bars and sweets; marmite; chocolate spread; hot chocolate; cooking oil; laundry detergent; baby wipes; shaving gel and foam; toilet cleaner liquid; shaving gel and foam; shampoo and conditioner; washing up liquid; toothbrushes toilet rolls and nappies size 7.

Dates for your diaries

Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm:
Christingle Service with school choirs and
SL Children's Choir

Tuesday 12th December at 2pm: St Lawrence Club Carol Service

Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm: Carol Singing in the Village
Meet in the village car park and then proceed to Brookleys, The Grange, Brick Hill, 4 Horse-shoes and Shrubbs Hill. Post carol singing drinks at a host in Shrubbs Hill

Sunday 17 December at 6pm: Nine Lessons and Carols with choirs and ensemble.

NO 8am Holy Communion Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

9am Holy Communion Service at St Saviour
10.15am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence
3.30pm Crib Service led by the St Lawrence Toddlers for 0 to 8 year olds
5.00pm Crib Service for 8+ year olds
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Lawrence

Christmas Day Holy Communion Services

9.00am at St Saviour
10.15am at St Lawrence:

**Wintershall: the Nativity Journey—a play for all the family—
13-18 December 2023**

Come and enjoy the real Christmas Story at Wintershall, Bramley,
Guildford GU5 0LR.

Book tickets now on their website: www.wintershall.org.uk or call 01483 892167

You are most welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall
after the 10.15am service this morning.

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3 DECEMBER 2023

Here to Celebrate, Worship and Serve

Sunday 3 Dec First Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9
Psalm: 80.1-8, 18-20
Epistle: I Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel: Mark 13.24-end

The Psalm and Readings can be found on pages 159-160

8.00am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence led by Revd Dan

9.00 am Holy Communion Service at St Saviour led by Revd Dan

Hymns: 117 Come thou long expected Jesus
102 Come down O love Divine
469 O come, O come, Emmanuel

10.15 am Holy Baptism Service at St Lawrence led by Revd Dan

Hymns: 469 O come, O come, Emmanuel
318 In the bleak midwinter
313 Infant holy, infant lowly
364 Joy to the world!

6.00pm Advent Candlelit Service: From Darkness to Light

**Tue 5 Dec 5.30pm-6.20pm SL Children's Choir Rehearsal in the Church Hall
6.30pm-7.30pm St Lawrence Church Choir Rehearsal in the Church Hall**

**Wed 6 Dec 10.45am Funeral Service for t/I Howard Davies
12.00noon Mid-week Holy Communion Service led by Revd Dan
1.15pm-3.00pm Coworth Flexlands Carol Service Rehearsal
6.00pm Coworth Flexlands Carol Service**

**Thu 7 Dec 09.30am-11.00am St Lawrence Toddlers in the Church Hall
09.00am-12.00noon Preparation for Christmas Experience**

Fri 8 Dec 09.00-3.00pm St Lawrence Primary School Christmas Experience

Sun 10 Dec See inner page for details of services

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 80:1-8, 18-20

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth
² before Ephraim and Benjamin and
Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your
people's prayers?
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full
measure.
⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord, our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 80 continued

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Sunday 10 December Services

8.00am
Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence
led by Revd Dan

9.00am
Holy Communion Service at St Saviour led
by Revd Dan

10.15am
Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence
led by Revd Chris

4.00pm Christingle Service with school
choirs and SL children's
choir.

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS AND MATTERS:

- ◆ **In our Missionary Support: Overseas Mission:** The Barnabas Fund (supporting persecuted Christians); The Bible Society for Mission.
- ◆ **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of North India (United)
- ◆ **In our Guildford Diocese:** Please pray for the Parish of Bourne and its incumbent Sandy Clarke. Please pray for their community fridge project and choirboy Freddie, one of the junior finalists in the BBC Young Chorister of the Year. Please also pray for ongoing engagement with young people, through junior church and the choir.
- ◆ **For our Church:**
 - ◇ We pray that our numbers may grow at all our services and that the Lord will bless us as we minister in this parish.
 - ◇ We pray that our faith and belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ be strengthened and deepened through our understanding of the scriptures.
- ◆ **Children and Schools**
 - ◇ Please pray for the future of Mission in the parish, particularly with regard to children and young people.
 - ◇ Please pray for the teachers, support staff, children, governors and parents at St Lawrence Primary School and Valley End School during this autumn term. We pray for the preparations for the SIAMS inspection in the spring of 2024 at St Lawrence Primary School
- ◆ **Pray for our Vicar, Revd Dan and for our Assistant Priest, Revd Chris.**
Pray for our congregations that we may grow in daily prayer and knowledge of scripture. For Brenda who delivers the daily bible reading notes, for a development of prayer ministry throughout the parish. For lesson readers and those who lead the intercessions, and all volunteers who serve at all our services.
- ◆ **Pray for those facing sickness,** those who are housebound and those who are facing other needs: Alan Wood, Ian Stewart, Caroline, Gloria, and Jessie Jones.
- ◆ **We pray for the those recently bereaved and remember especially at this time the families and friends of the late:** Beverley Tucker, Dorothy Allen and Howard Davies
- ◆ **Pray for our congregations that we may grow in daily prayer and knowledge of scripture.**
Pray for the St Lawrence Friends' Heritage Trust for their guidance and blessing and for their work raising funds for the maintenance of our two beautiful church buildings.
- ◆ **The Year's Mind:** We remember Olga Paterson and Anthony Hay and all those known to us whose anniversary occurs at this time.
- ◆ **Residents of:** Bonseys Lane, Bowling Green Lane, Bracken Way, Brick Hill, Brimshot Lane, Broadfield Lane, Brookleys, Broom Lane, Burr Hill Road, burrow Hill, Castle Grove Road, Cedar Gardens, Chertsey Road, Chobham Lakes, and Chobham Park Lane.