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 Horseshoes and Shrubbs Hill, Post carol singing drinks at a host in Shrubbs Hill

Sunday 17 December at 6pm: Nine Lessons and Carols with combined 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 5t Saviour 10.15am at 5t 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 OLR.

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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ST LAWRENCE CHOBHAM WITH ST SAVIOUR VALLEY END 10 DECEMBER 2023

Here to Celebrate, Worship and Serve

Sunday 10 Dec Second Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11
Psalm: 85.1-2, 8-end
Epistle: 2 Peter 3.8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

The Psalm and Readings can be found on pages 160-161

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: 399 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

513 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

318 In the bleak midwinter

10.15 am Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence led by Revds Dan and Chris

Hymns: 619 The advent of our Lord

513 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

400 Long ago, prophets knew318 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

339 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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

Mon 11 Dec 12.00 Funeral service for t/l Beverley Tucker

Tue 12 Dec 10.00-12.00 Hearing clinic in the Church Hall

2.00pm St Lawrence Old Folks Carol Service followed by refreshments 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 13 Dec 12.00noon Mid-week Holy Communion Service led by Revd Dan

6.30pm Carol Singing in the Village—meet in Village car park at 6.30pm

Thu 14 Dec 09.30am-11.00am St Lawrence Toddlers in the Church Hall

Fri 15 Dec 09.00am St Lawrence Primary School Assembly

Sun 17 Dec See inner page for details of services

Collect

O Lord,

raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered running the race
that is set before,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
be whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

in honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge; give us grace so to imitate him

in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Seasonal Eucharistic Preface and Blessing from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve:

Preface:

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us
from sin and death and to make us
inheritors of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power
and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Sunday 17 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 Dan

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St Lawrence led by combined choirs, Ensemble and with Megan Dennis, soprano

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 Pakistan (United)
- ♦ In our Guildford Diocese: Please pray for the Parish of Hindhead and its incumbent Richard Bodle and other clergy Helen Mitchell, Wes Sutton, Dennis Webster. Please also pray for the appointment of a Children and Families Worker; develop Lego Church and expand engagement with local care homes.

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 end of the 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 all who produce the Parish Magazine. For local and national press and for honest and fair reporting in all media. For the Bible Society, the Children's Society and Christian Publishers.

- Pray for those facing sickness, those who are housebound and those who are facing other needs: Christopher Delacombe, 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 all newcomers to the village and to the church, that they will experience a warm welcome, love and friendship. Please pray for guidance as we discern the way forward for working with young people and families.
- The Year's Mind: We remember Mona Lilian Heals and all those known to us whose anniversary occurs at this time.
- Residents of: Clappers Lane, Clearmount, Delta Close, Delta Road, Elm Road, Ford Road, Gorse Lane, Gracious Pond Road, Garden Drive, Green Lane, Grosvenor Road, Guildford Road, Heather Way, Heathlands, Highams Lane, High Street, Kalima, Killy Hill, Leslie Road. Macmahon Close and Medhurst Close.