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**Food Bank Donations update—most needed items
for December:**

The Food Bank is asking for a few **festive treats for Christmas**. Here is a list of items most needed: toiletry gift sets, gloves and woolly hats, scarves and gifts for teenagers; Christmas confectionery: chocolates and biscuits. Also any gift items will be greatly appreciated.

Long life Christmas Treats, Tinned Mixed Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Salmon, Tinned Ham, Tinned Chicken Breast, Long-life Sponge Puddings, Chocolate, Washing Up Liquid, Bleach and Cleaning Spray.

The Woking Food Bank have sent their deep appreciation for all the generous donations that have been collected at St Lawrence and St Saviour over the past few months and wish to convey their warmest thanks to you all.

Dates for your dairies

Sunday 18th December at 6pm at St Lawrence
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the combined choirs of the St Lawrence Church Choir, Adventus Domini, The St Lawrence Children's Choir and instrumentalists.

Carol Singing in the Village on Tuesday 20th December at 6.30pm
Meet up at the village car park at 6.30pm to share lifts and receive carol sheets. Start at Oakdene (Brookleys), 6.45pm then move on to the Grange, 7.15pm. Shrubbs Hill, 7.45pm; Brick Hill for 8.15pm and finally the 4 Horseshoes at 8.45pm before returning to the village and the Tilbrooks.

Thursday 22nd December at 6pm
Carol Service at Coxhill Manor led by Revd Chris Bedford.

Please note that the Christmas decorating of the church is on Friday 23rd December from 09.00am-1.00pm

Friday 24th December Crib Services

There will be two Crib Services:

3.30pm for the up to 8 year olds and one at 5.00pm for the 8+ year olds.

Please prepare your children to come to the services already dressed up as either angels, shepherds, sheep, donkeys, or cows and take an interactive part in this special service.

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

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**ST LAWRENCE CHOBHAM WITH
ST SAVIOUR VALLEY END
11 DECEMBER 2022**

Here to Celebrate, Worship and Serve

Sunday 11 Dec THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10
Psalm: 146.4-10
Epistle: James 5. 7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

The Psalm and Readings can be found on pages 9-10 of the hymn book.

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

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

Hymns: 323 It came upon the midnight clear
648 There's a wideness in God's mercy
513 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

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

Hymns: 475 Of the Father's love begotten (omit v. 5)
612 Tell out my soul
513 On Jordan's bank
648 There's a wideness in God's mercy
565 Rejoice the Lord is King

Mon 12 Dec 2.30pm Funeral Service for t/l Kevin Kearney

Tue 13 Dec 2.00pm Carol Service for the St Lawrence Club
5.30pm-6.20pm St Lawrence Church Children's Choir in the Church Hall
6.30pm-7.30pm St Lawrence Church Choir in the Church Hall

Wed 14 Dec 12.00 noon Mid-Week Holy Communion Service led by Revd Dan

Thu 15 Dec 09.30-11.00am The St Lawrence Toddlers in the Church Hall

Fri 16 Dec 09.15-10.00 St Lawrence Primary School Carol Service Assembly

Sun 18 Dec FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 at St Lawrence led by Revd Dan
6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your
messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready
your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to
the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the
world
we may be found an acceptable people in
your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

Psalm 146.1-10

¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴ When their breath departs, they return to
the earth; on that very day their plans
perish.
⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of
Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their
God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea and
all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;

Post Communion Prayer

We give thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Psalm 146 continued

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰ The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations.

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 Anglican Church of Kenya
- ◆ **In our Guildford Diocese:** Please pray for the Vergers, Church Wardens, Occasional Preachers, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Assistants and Visitors, Sunday School teachers, PCC teams, Safeguarding Officers, Treasurers, Administration Managers and all who work to advance God's Kingdom here on Earth.
- ◆ **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 and Governors of both St Lawrence School and Valley End School.
- ◆ **Pray for our Vicar, Revd Dan and his family, and for our Assistant Priest, Revd Chris.** 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.
- ◆ **Pray for those facing sickness,** those who are housebound and those who are facing other needs. We pray especially for: Mary Kearney, family members and friends of June Thomas, Ian Stewart, Caroline, Coral Curwen, Gloria, Millie, Jessie Jones and Mary Williams.
- ◆ **Pray for our congregations that we may grow in daily prayer and knowledge of scripture.** Pray for the staff and residents of Coxhill Manor and for all Care and Nursing Homes. For all who work in residential care and for care in the community. For Rosemary and all Chobham care volunteers as they reach out to those in need.
- ◆ **Pray for those who have died recently:** June Thomas and Kevin Kearney.
- ◆ **The Year's Mind:** Mona Heals.
- ◆ **Residents of:** 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, Medhurst Close, Mimbridge Lane and Mincing Lane.