

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday Worship - 10.30am

## Monday 31st March

Lent Group - 10.30am (see Grapevine)

## Tuesday 1st April

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm

## Wednesday 2nd April

Lent Group - 10am, 1pm, 7pm (see Grapevine)

Places of Welcome - 10am - 12pm

Open Church, 10am - 12pm

## Thursday 3rd April

BCP Holy Communion at

St Leonard's, Beoley 10am

Ark Tots and Toddlers - 9.30am

Lent Group - 10.30am & 7pm (see Grapevine)

Wedding Bookings at St Leonard's - 6pm -8pm

## Sunday 6th April

Family Communion with Ark Time - 9.15am

Morning Worship - 11.15am



# ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Sunday 30th March



## WELCOME TO ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Whether this be your first time or hundredth time at St Laurence, you are very welcome.

We hope that in this time of worship you encounter and know the peace and love of God. If you would like further information about the worship, life and ministry of St Laurence or anything else, any member of our congregation will be happy to chat with you.

## GRAPEVINE

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, ALVECHURCH  
April 2025



Between Waiting and Rejoicing

Don't forget to pick up  
April's Grapevine.  
Out Now!

For wedding, baptism, or funeral enquires, or to ask anything about the life, ministry and mission of St Laurence Church contact Penny Walker



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The parish office is open  
Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm

## EASTER LILIES – A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE



Each year at Easter, our church is decorated with beautiful lilies, each one sponsored in memory of a loved one. If you would like to take part, simply place your donation in an envelope, writing the name(s) of those you wish to remember on it. All names will be displayed in church and listed in May's Grapevine magazine.

But why are lilies significant for remembering loved ones? The white lily, often called the 'Easter Lily,' is a symbol of purity, hope, and resurrection. In Christian tradition, it represents the new life and promise of eternal peace found in Christ's resurrection. The trumpet shape of the lily is also said to resemble the horns that herald Christ's victory over death.

The tradition of using lilies in churches at Easter dates back centuries. Some link it to Jesus' words in Matthew 6:28, where he tells his followers to "consider the lilies of the field" as a reminder of God's care. Over time, the lily became a powerful symbol of remembrance, offering comfort and hope to those grieving.

By dedicating an Easter lily, we honour those we love, celebrating their lives in the light of Christ's resurrection.

# Holy Week and Easter

St Laurence Church, Alvechurch and St Leonard's Church, Beoley

For details of all our services on Holy Week and Easter please see April's Grapevine Magazine

## All Together for Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April  
St Laurence Church, Alvechurch  
at 10:15am

If you would like to join us for a short procession, please join us at The Square, Alvechurch Village

Alternatively, gather at St Laurence Church ready at for the Palm Gospel before welcoming the procession outside the church.




Please note that there will be no worship at St Leonard's, Beoley on this day. We are joining All Together at St Laurence, Alvechurch

## COME TO THE TABLE – A SHARED MEAL FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

On the night before he died on a cross, Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal, sharing bread and wine, serving them in love, and giving them a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them. This meal is a time to remember that night—not as a re-creation of the Passover but as a Christian act of fellowship, service, and reflection.


We will share a simple meal, serve one another in a spirit of humility, and take part in Holy Communion. As the meal ends, we will move into church for quiet prayer, keeping watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is an opportunity to pause, reflect, and be part of the story of love, sacrifice, and hope.

 Thursday 17th April at 7pm

 St Laurence Church and The Ark

 A Light, Seasonal Meal Provided

(Donations on the evening towards the cost of the meal)

 All Are Welcome. Please sign up so we know numbers to cater for.

Come, eat, remember, and be part of the story.

## Bible Readings:

Colossians 3: 12-17  
page 1184 in Pew Bible

Luke 2: 33-35  
page 1028 in Pew Bible

## The Collect Prayer

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Have you joined our electoral roll?

Every six years, we start fresh with a completely new electoral roll – and 2025 is the year for this at St Laurence. Whether you've been on the roll before or this is new to you, everyone over the age of 16 who wish to join will need to fill out a form.

## Calling All Budding (or Aspiring) Actors

On Palm Sunday, we would love to present a dramatized version of the story, but we need willing participants to make it happen! No Oscar-worthy performances required—just enthusiasm. There will be one rehearsal beforehand, so the commitment is minimal. If you're interested, please speak to Gail or Martin. Come and be part of bringing the story to life!

To donate to St Laurence scan the QR code for the area of church life you would like to support and follow the instructions on the link. Many thanks for your support



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