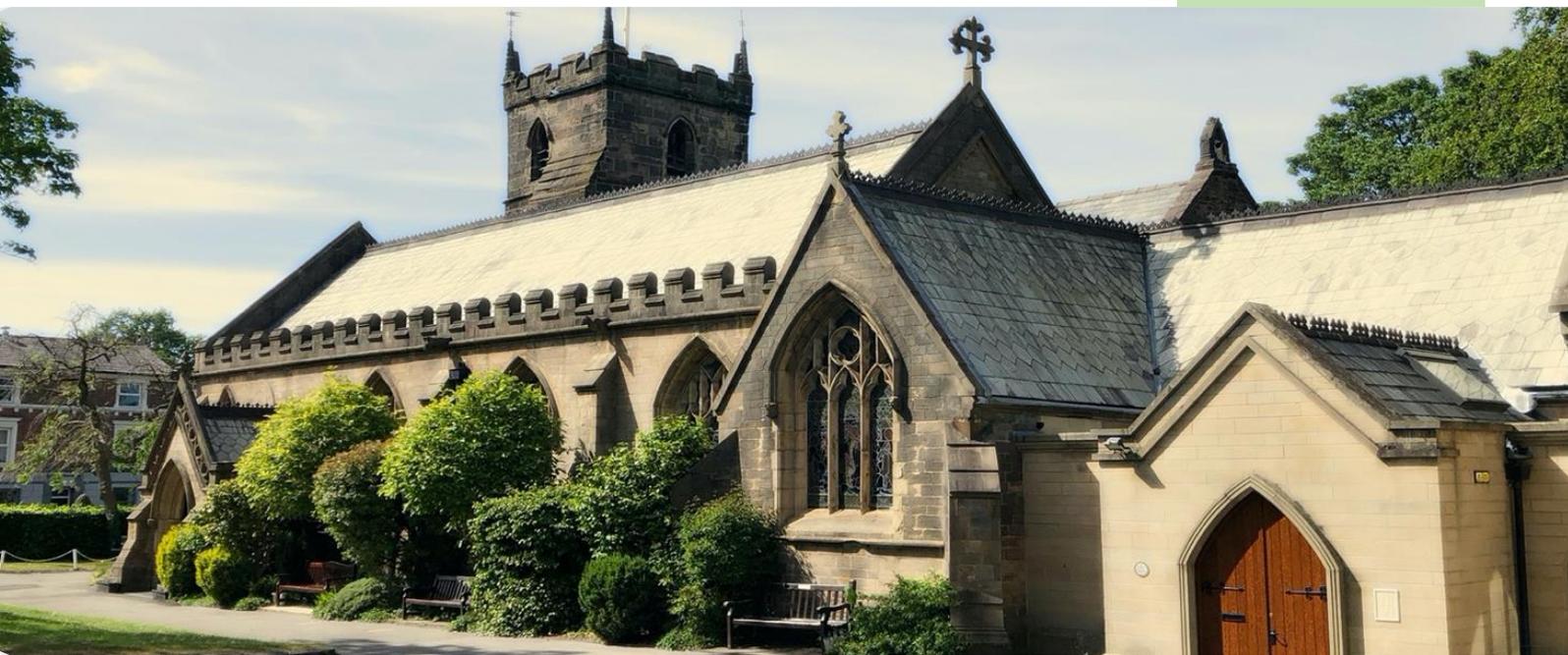


What's on at...

St Lawrence's



For over 800 years people have gathered to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in this special and sacred space. Like those who have gone before us we too are called to share the love of God with those in our community.



Fr. Neil Kelley - Rector

At St Lawrence's we welcome all; we are a church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We welcome those who have an established faith and those who are enquiring about the Christian faith. Here you will find details of our service patterns and the many activities that take place here. There really is something for everyone.

Please speak to one of the Welcome Team if you would like any further information, or call our Parish Office on 01257 231360

Open Table

All are welcome

Every Monday evening, at 17.00, we offer a free (hot) take-away meal in the grounds of St. Laurence's to any who are in need. All are welcome and it is a safe and friendly environment in which to meet people and find support and friendship. We do not charge for this and we are grateful to a large number of people who make this possible each week.



The sign features the St. Laurence's Church logo on the left, the word 'TASTE' in large blue letters in the center, and a teacup logo on the right. The teacup contains the text 'Taste and see that the Lord is good Psalm 34' and 'Pay what you can cafe'. Below the main text, it lists opening hours, a menu, and a quote from Psalm 34.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH
CHORLEY

TASTE

pay what you can cafe

Opening hours*
Tues 11am to 3pm
Weds 11am to 3pm
Thurs 11am to 3pm
Fri 11am to 3pm
*subject to staffing

ALL Welcome
No charge for food or drink
Donations welcome

Menu*
Hot soup
Hot food and sandwiches
Home made cakes
Drinks
*subject to availability

'Taste and see that the Lord is good' Psalm 34

Run on a **pay-what-you-can** basis, our new cafe, TASTE offers a welcome and good food to all. A simple menu including **home-made soup** and **cakes** alongside **toasties** and **sandwiches** is freshly prepared and served by our volunteer team. Pop down for **good coffee**, fresh soup, a tasty toastie and a **warm welcome**.

New to faith?

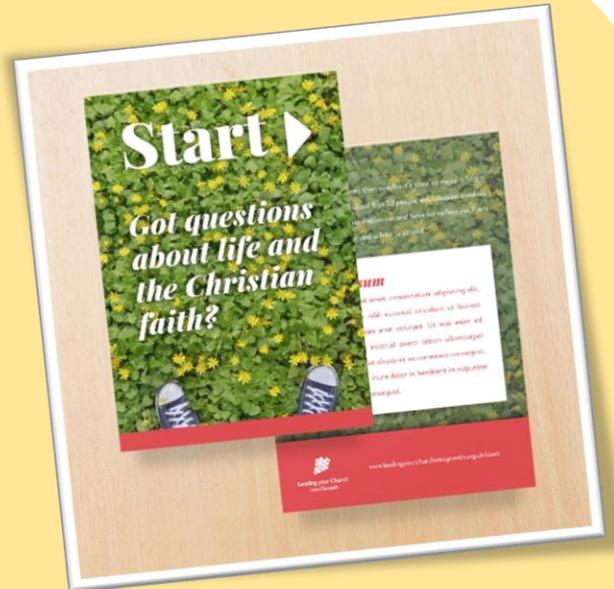
Want to learn more about Jesus?

Why not join a zoom in on a “start!” course?

Have you ever wondered what Christianity is all about? Our new Start! course explores Christianity through six DVD based Zoom sessions. The Start! course makes no assumptions about your background or experience or knowledge of Christianity or the church. It really does start from scratch.

The down-to-earth interactive approach of Start! offers an opportunity to meet in a small group to ask questions and to find out more in a relaxed and friendly way.

If you are interested, please speak to one of the clergy.



RE:ZOOM ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Each week we are meeting on Zoom to discuss the Sunday Gospel (and sometimes the sermon too!). We meet on Sundays at 6pm for around 40 minutes. This is a great opportunity to explore how we make connections between the words of Jesus in the Gospel and the week that lies ahead of us.

Please email bible@stlaurencechorley.co.uk for the password.

Christian Marriage

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in both good times and bad. It is a gift from God and should mirror the love God has for all of us – love that remains true, faithful, protective and respectful.

In marrying in a church, you make a public commitment to each other, and to God. There is something in a public commitment of this magnitude that has a spiritual element to it and which can transform a relationship to a new and deeper level.

But you are also being supported your friends and families. As witnesses to your marriage, they also commit to supporting you in their presence and prayers—a support that does not end on the day but continues in the days and years ahead.



Baptism



In baptism you as parents are: thanking God for his gift of life, making a decision to start your child on the journey of faith and asking for the Church's support.

In baptism, we thank God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledge his love. In the Church of England it is common to baptise young children; this is sometimes known as christening.

Baptism is a 'sacrament' (holy ritual to symbolise grace) in the Christian tradition that is traced back to Jesus himself being baptized in the river Jordan.

For your child, baptism marks the start of a journey of faith, which involves turning away from all that is evil, turning towards Christ and becoming a member of the local and worldwide Christian family.

If you would like to book a baptism in St Laurence's Church, please **call the Parish Office on 01257 231360.**

Online Art Gallery



Before lockdown we were planning to open an Art Gallery in the Upper Room of St. Laurence's. Because of the current pandemic, this is now an Online Gallery. We currently have three exhibitions (2 artists and 1 local textile group) and we welcome more.

Items for sale can be purchased through our Online Shop.

Visit <https://www.stlaurencechorley.co.uk/art-gallery/> to see these amazing exhibitions. If you have work you'd like to exhibit, please contact Jackie on pa@stlaurencechorley.co.uk

Online Light Classics

Each month we aim to stream (on YouTube and Facebook) a 45 minute recital of light popular classics by various local performers. Our fortnightly series of recitals is now an online series, bringing music into your homes for you to enjoy.

It's a tradition in church to follow recitals with tea and cake; unfortunately you will have to provide your own refreshment but we hope that you can enjoy a broad range of music in the comfort of your homes. These are usually on Sundays at 15.00

christians
against
poverty

CAP

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a charity determined to lift people out of poverty in the UK, with the help of local churches. CAP aims to tackle the causes of poverty and does this through debt counselling centres. St. Laurence's Church Debt Centre opens in August and is looking forward to serving the community of Chorley with a free accessible service, open to everyone.

There is always hope – this doesn't have to be faced alone.

For more information on how to access the service or how to become a befriender ...

Please contact Sue on 07745 334027 or
sueboult@capuk.org

CAP's free helpline number is 0800 328 0006

St Laurence's Church Hardship Fund



At St Laurence's Church, we have created a Hardship Fund that we use to support those in our community that are most in need. We provide hot take-away food from the church grounds several days a week, and we also supply free emergency food parcels to the vulnerable that are in critical need.

If you are able to help us to continue this vital work for the most vulnerable in our community, you can donate money directly to our Hardship Fund [here](#).

St. Laurence's Online Gift Shop

We are a small but unique gift shop located in St Laurence's Church, Chorley. We have an amazing group of volunteers who help run our shop.

We offer a wide selection of cards and gifts which can be personalised and delivered to the recipient.

We offer free delivery within a 3-mile radius of Chorley, free collection from Chorley or Standard delivery for £3.

Visit: <https://www.stlaurencegiftshop.com/>



LONELY OR NEED HELP?

IF YOU ARE FEELING LONELY OR ISOLATED

THEN PLEASE CALL US

WE CAN ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO TALK TO YOU

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU

OR FOR SOMEONE YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT

PLEASE CALL US

NEED HELP WITH SHOPPING?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP WITH SHOPPING

OR NEED A PRESCRIPTION SERVICE THEN

PLEASE CALL US

01257 231360

We offer a very warm welcome to anyone coming along to worship with us.

Holy Eucharist with all-age talk and contemporary music

Saturday @ 17.00 and Sunday @ 09.00

Holy Eucharist with sermon and traditional music

Sunday @ 11.00

Because of the current requirements regarding track and trace, you are invited to pre-book for these services via Eventrbite please.



Our weekday services pattern is:

Monday @ 18.15

Mass for Mission

(an opportunity to pray for the mission and outreach of our church in a new context)

Tuesday @ 12.15

Communion for the Community

(an opportunity to pray for all who serve the civic life of this town)

Thursday @ 18.15

Healing Eucharist

(a Eucharist praying for healing and wholeness. If you have an specific prayer requests please bring them along on a post-it note)

Friday @ 12.15

BCP Holy Communion

(a service of Holy Communion using the traditional language of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer)



**The Chorley
Community
Helpline**

Need Help or Support?

Emergency Food, Family
Support, Money & Debt,
Loneliness?

Homelessness Support,
Help with Shopping & Meds
Delivery?

Free phone number - no cost to you

0800 368 8452

**Community Partners Working Together –
St Laurence's Church, Home-Start Central
Lancashire, Chorley Help the Homeless,
Living Waters Storehouse, Chorley
Buddies, Citizens Advice, Chorley United
Reformed Church, Watch us Grow**