

What's on at...



St Laurence'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

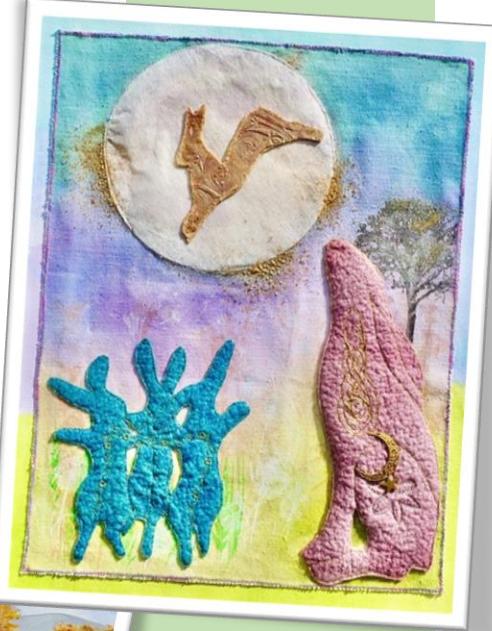
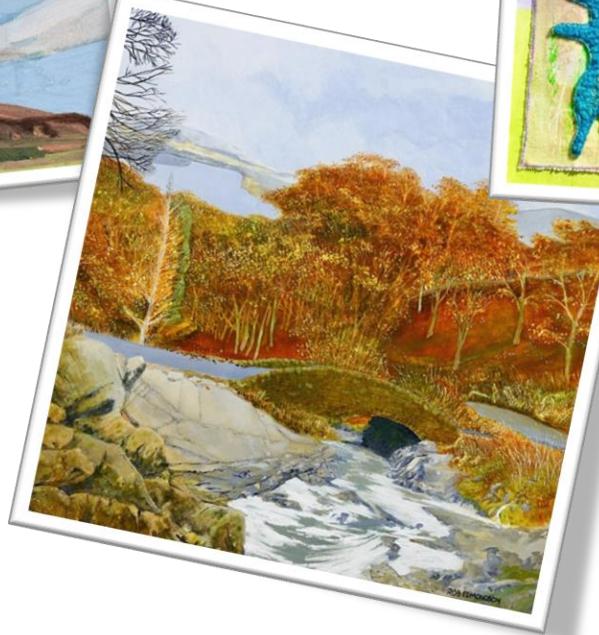
At St Laurence's we welcome all; we are a church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We welcome those who have an established faith and those who are enquiring about the Christian faith. Here you will find 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

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.

Art Gallery



Art Gallery Opening Times

Tuesday – Friday 11am – 2pm

Saturday 1pm – 4pm

Sunday 12noon – 3pm

Our Taste Café is open Tuesday – Friday, 11am – 2pm

Coffee and Cake from 11am, light lunches available (home-made soup) from 12noon.

Enjoy meeting with others?

Want to deepen your faith?

Why not join a Home Group?

These groups provide a great opportunity for people to ask questions, share experiences and realise that we are all on a journey with our faith.



And we will enjoy refreshments together too!

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

Light Classics & Artisan Market



Each month we aim to host a concert of light classical music from various local performers and sometimes from further afield.

The concert is on the last Sunday of the month at 3pm, and tea and biscuits are served from 1.30pm when the Artisan Market also takes place.

There is no charge for these recitals but we take a retiring collection.

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 (these generally take place on Saturdays at Midday), please **call the Parish Office on 01257 231360**.

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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 ...

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. Working with members of other local churches we 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](#).

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of food, please call our Food Helpline on
07763 226275

St. Laurence's 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.

You can check us out online first and see the wide range of gifts and cards on offer. Better still, pop in and see us in person!

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

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

Holy Eucharist with all-age talk (no congregational singing)
Sunday @ 09.00

Choral Eucharist with sermon and traditional music
Sunday @ 11.00



Our weekday services pattern is:

Monday @ 18.15

Holy Eucharist

Tuesday @ 12.15

Communion for the Community

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

Thursday @ 18.15

Eucharist with prayers for healing

Friday @ 12.15

BCP Holy Communion

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

Tuesday - Friday
11am - 2pm

Home baked cakes,
coffee, tea, soup & a roll

(fruit also available)





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, Friends For You,
Chorley Buddies, Citizens Advice, Chorley
United Reformed Church, Watch us Grow

