



Parish Church of
Chorley, St. Laurence
Diary of Events

2023

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**We are proud that St Laurence's is registered as an official
'Place of Welcome'**

Places of Welcome is a national scheme of recognised programmes run by local community groups who want everyone in their neighbourhood to have a place to go for a friendly face, a hot drink and a conversation if and when they need it.

With over 450 across the UK, each Place of Welcome is unique, but all provide a place for people to connect with one another, find belonging and offer gifts and skills that interest them. Places of Welcome take place in a variety of different venues, including churches, community centres, mosques, temples and other community group buildings across the UK.

2023

Services

We hold two all-age Eucharists each weekend (one with worship band, the other with recorded music). These are both new services that have been introduced since the pandemic. On a Saturday evening we see around 70 people sharing in the Eucharist and Sunday morning in excess of 50. This means that when we get to the 11.00 traditional Sung Eucharist we have already welcomed some 120 souls to church.

We hold Messy Church (Mussy Mass) at times during the year linked to Church Festivals. This was launched by Bishop Philip with Messy Epiphany in 2018 and in 2022 we introduced our Saturday Club.

We recently set up a small working group made up of our (Primary) Church School staff and church members to plan worship, that both takes place in church and which the clergy lead in school. This has led to a more consistent approach and has helped children to make connections between the worship at school and worship at home. We are making plans to run (in partnership with St. Michael's School) a young people's Christian discovery course for 2023.

Weekend Services*

Saturday	17.00	All Age Eucharist <i>(1st Saturday Parade Eucharist) features an All Age address and contemporary music</i>
Sunday	09.00	All Age Eucharist <i>features an All Age address</i>
Sunday	11.00	Sung Eucharist <i>contains a sermon and makes use of more traditional music and the organ</i>

Weekday Eucharists*

Monday	18.15	Parish Mission
Tuesday	12.15	The Community and Civic Life of the Town
Thursday	12.15	Prayers for healing (Please note this service takes place at 18.15 on the first Thursday of the month)
Friday	12.15	The 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Holy Days The Eucharist is also celebrated on Holy Days as announced.

Ministry of Healing and Reconciliation

Please speak to Fr Neil at any time if you require prayer for healing, anointing, or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

* Subject to change during the summer period

Welcome to St. Laurence's Church

About us

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 sent out to share in word and deed the generous love of God for all.

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 pattern and the many midweek activities that take place as a reflection of our common life together.

From the Rector

Back in 2020 we thought we had planned the year. We knew everything that was going to happen. And then.... well, you know the rest!

This Diary of Events is not an attempt to set 2023 in stone (changes may occur as we go through the year) but a way of saying that the things of God matter enough to invest time preparing for them and celebrating them. There is a saying 'if you fail to plan you plan to fail' (Benjamin Franklin).

We hope that in the pages of this publication you will find ways to connect to God and to the community we are placed in. We hope you will ensure that you are at significant services and events. We hope there is something for everyone and we encourage you to let friends and family know what is happening at St. Laurence's.

The pages of this booklet bear testimony to the hard work and dedication of so many who contribute to our worship and outreach and I am grateful to Alan Winstanley and Elizabeth Bowman for producing this.

May 2023 be a year of great blessings for us all.

Fr. Neil

Sunday	01 January	New Year's Day - Day of Prayer for World Peace 11.00 Sung Eucharist followed by a glass of fizz to celebrate the New Year (Note no 17.00 Service on Saturday 31 December or 09.00 service today)
Wednesday	04 January	13.00 Standish Stitchers
Thursday	05 January	18.15 'Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh' An Epiphany Healing Service (<i>ic</i>)
Saturday	07 January	Feast of the Epiphany 17.00 All Age Eucharist (<i>ic</i>)
Sunday	08 January	09.00 All Age Eucharist 11.00 Sung Eucharist
Monday	16 January	19.00 PCC Meeting
Saturday	21 January	10.45 Holocaust Memorial Service (Astley Park)
Sunday	22 January	12.00 Friends of St. Laurence's AGM
Sunday	29 January	The Feast of Candlemas 15.00 Light Classics Recital Imogen Garner (soprano), John Gough (piano) 18.00 Candlemas Devotion and Benediction (<i>ic</i>)

Art Exhibition This month the exhibition features work by **Euxton Painters**.

Open Table

We offer food and hospitality to people 5 days a week through our Open Table (meal for the homeless and vulnerable) as well as our Taste Café (based on Psalm 34 – taste and see that the Lord is good). Open Table provides a hot meal for each Monday at 17.00 in Church.

Music

This month the recital is performed by **Imogen Garner (soprano) and John Gough (piano)**. Imogen has covered several roles with English National Opera and enjoyed a long association with the Buxton Festival. Imogen has also sung as a soloist in live broadcasts on BBC Radio 4 and has performed many roles for opera companies around the country. John Gough enjoys a busy career combining solo playing, accompaniment and teaching at the RNCM. John has broadcast many times on BBC Radio 3 and has performed at the Wigmore Hall, London, and as soloist with the RLPO and Northern Chamber Orchestras. Overseas, he has performed at the Carnegie Hall, New York, and on Danish Radio.

February

Wednesday	01 February	13.00	Standish Stitchers
Monday	13 February	19.00	Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday	21 February	16.00	Shrove Tuesday Family Pancake Party
		19.00	Deanery Synod Pancake Party
Wednesday	22 February	<i>Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent</i>	
		09.30	Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
		12.15	Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Sunday	26 February	15.00	Light Classics Recital, Dunelm Duo
Monday	27 February	09.30	Lent Quiet Day at Whalley Abbey led by Rev Adam Thomas
Tuesday	28 February	19.00	Alpha

Art Exhibition This month the exhibition features works by **Threads of Survival**.

Music

This month our recital is by the **Dunelm Duo** comprising Robert Rainford (keyboards) and Lynne Williams (woodwind). Rob studied music at Durham University before going on to a career in music in the north-west of England, teaching at all levels from primary school to music college. Rob also works with many theatre and opera companies both in the orchestra and as a répétiteur. Lynne has had a highly successful teaching practice in Yorkshire and Lancashire and now runs a thriving woodwind repair business in Cockerham and also plays for many local orchestras. Together, Lynne and Rob established the publishing company Forton Music specialising in music for woodwind instruments in all combinations. They are both published composers, with their compositions and publications appearing on several exam syllabi. As the Dunelm Duo Rob and Lynne have been performing together since their University days, with concerts, weddings, celebration events and recording sessions under their belts.

Alpha

Wondering about God and the big questions in life?

Why not join Alpha and explore these questions more?

Sessions begin at the end of February on Tuesday evenings at 19.00.

All welcome. Email alpha@stlaurencechorley.co.uk



Wednesday 22 February – Saturday 01 April

Monday 27 February Lent Quiet Day at Whalley Abbey

All Age Eucharists

Themed talks at the All-Age Services on *Understanding the Eucharist*.

The themes will be used in Church as well as Saturday Club

25/26 February Gathering Together

04/05 March Celebrating God's Word

11/12 March Celebrating with Bread and Wine

25/26 March Being Sent into the World

Preachers at the Sunday 11.00 Sung Eucharist

A series of sermons on the hymn

'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven' (based on Psalm 103)

26 March Ransomed Fr. Jordan Bentliff (St. George's and All Saints' Chorley)

05 March Healed Fr. Martin McDonald (Hospital Chaplain)

12 March Restored Rev. Steve Haskett (Parish Renewal Lead)

26 March Forgiven Canon Fleur Green (St. John's, Broughton)

Alpha

Tuesdays at 19.00

Prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 07.00 – 08.00. Please come and go as you are able.

Wednesday	01 March	13.00	Standish Stitchers
Tuesday	07 March	19.00	Alpha
Monday	13 March	19.00	PCC Meeting
Tuesday	14 March	19.00	Alpha
Friday	17 March	19.00	Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper
Tuesday	21 March	19.00	Alpha
Sunday	26 March	15.00	Light Classics Recital Music for Holy Week Choir of St. George's, Chorley
Tuesday	28 March	19.00	Alpha

Art Exhibition

This exhibition features work by **Chorley Artists**.

Music

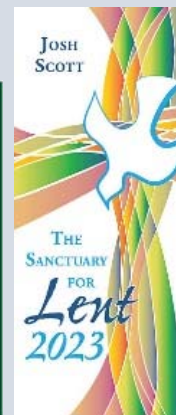
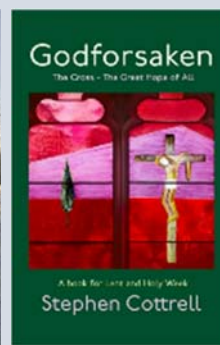
The recital this month features music for **Holy Week and Easter** by the choir of St. George's Chorley, directed by Gordon Blackledge and accompanied by Alan Winstanley.

Spirituality

This year we have two planned 'quiet days', one in Lent and one in Advent. Each session will be a day of prayer, reflection and meditation, using words, silence and music, to help us focus on the start of the forthcoming season.

Art Exhibition

Some publications that would make good Lenten companions.



Holy Week & Easter

Saturday	01 April	Palm Sunday	
		17.00	Outdoor All Age Eucharist with Bishop Philip
		19.30	Guild Singers Concert
Sunday	02 April	09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	The Blessing of Palms, Reading of the Passion and Sung Eucharist
Monday	03 April	19.00	Holy Eucharist with meditation on the Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	04 April	12.15	Holy Eucharist
		19.00	Alpha
Wednesday	05 April	13.00	Standish Stitches
		19.00	Healing Eucharist
Thursday	06 April	Maundy Thursday	
		19.30	Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper with Watch (St. George's)
Friday	07 April	Good Friday	
		11.00 –	Family walk in Astley Park following
		13.00	the Stations of the Cross
		13.30	Liturgy of the Day (St. Peter's)
Saturday	08 April	Holy Saturday	
		20.00	The Easter Vigil <i>(ic)</i> (Service of Light, renewal of baptismal promises and First Eucharist of Easter followed by fireworks, champagne and Easter biscuits)
Sunday	09 April	Easter Day	
		09.00	All Age Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt
		11.00	Festival Eucharist
		18.00	Evensong and Benediction <i>(ic)</i>

Tuesday	11 April	19.00	Alpha
Saturday	15 April	09.00 - 16.00	Alpha (venue TBC)
Tuesday	25 April	19.00	Alpha
Thursday	27 April	19.00	Evening Prayer and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Sunday	30 April	15.00	Light Classics Recital Bethany Fahrer (soprano), Alison Davis (mezzo soprano)

Art Exhibition

This month the exhibition features works by **Art in Adlington**.

Taste Cafe

TASTE AND SEE THAT
THE LORD IS GOOD

PSALM 34

All are welcome at
TASTE, our pay what
you can café. Hot and
cold drinks, soup, filled
rolls and cake are
available.

Open Tuesday – Friday
11.00 – 14.00

Music

Our performers this month are Bethany Fahrer and Alison Davis. From a very early age Alison had an interest in music and drama. Alison was an active member of Lucilla Dramatic club and played the principal leads for many years with Crosby Gilbert and Sullivan Society before moving on to musical theatre and Oratorio, finally arriving at Opera playing roles with Opera Viva. Bethany has enjoyed singing most of her life, although she started out as a Violinist and Violist. After her move from the USA at age 16, she started taking singing more seriously and eventually performed in Gianni Schichi at University as her first singing role. Princess Ida (Gilbert and Sullivan) was her first lead role and secured her love of performing solos with her choir.

Friends of St. Laurence

BINDING CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Founded in January 2019, Friends of St Laurence's Church, Chorley, is a charitable cause with a dedicated group of supporters who work to preserve the Church building, enhance its facilities for the community and ensure its future as an asset for Chorley. Their role is to preserve and develop this continuing symbol of our communal life. For more information please visit us at: www.friendsofstlaurencechorley.org

Tuesday	02 May	19.00	Alpha
Wednesday	03 May	13.00	Standish Stitchers
Saturday	06 May		Big screen viewing of the Coronation of King Charles III
Tuesday	09 May	19.00	Alpha
Monday	15 May	19.00	PCC Meeting
Tuesday	16 May	19.00	Final Alpha in the series
Thursday	18 May		Ascension Day
		12.15	Healing Eucharist
		19.30	Sung Eucharist <i>(ic)</i>
			Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Gill (Assistant Archdeacon of Blackburn)
Sunday	28 May		Feast of Pentecost
		11.00	Sung Eucharist <i>(ic)</i>
		15.00	Light Classics Recital The Organists Entertain, TV, Radio and Film



Coronation Weekend – Welcome the King

Various activities will take place across the Deanery including

Saturday 6 May

Big Screen Coronation Service shown in
St. Laurence's Church with outdoor refreshments

Art Exhibition

This month the exhibition features work by the **Chorley & District Support for Ukraine.**

Music

A recital with a difference, an afternoon of music from TV, Radio and Film. Our local organists will entertain us with many popular themes from the 50's to the present day, including Dads Army, Dixon of Dock Green and The Archers to name but a few.

Sunday	04 June	Trinity Sunday	
		18.00	Eucharistic Devotions and Benediction <i>(ic)</i>
Wednesday	07 June	13.00	Standish Stitches
Saturday	10 June	11.00 -	Garden Open Day
		17.00	concluding with
		19.00	Pimms, punch and live jazz in the Rectory Garden
Sunday	11 June	Corpus Christi	
		11.00	Festal Eucharist to celebrate Fr. Robert Moore's 60 th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood
Tuesday	20 June	19.00	Ministry Team Meeting
Saturday	24 June	14.30	Chorley Walk of Witness
Sunday	25 June	15.00	Light Classic Recital Choir of St. Faith's, Great Crosby

Art Exhibition This month the exhibition features works by **Paintbox**.

Music

This month's recital features music from the **Choir of St. Faith's, Great Crosby**. The choir currently comprises 13 members and has a long-standing choral tradition, singing all Eucharist services and Holy Days throughout the year. Monthly Choral Evensong services and "Come & Sing" events have proved hugely popular. The Choir is directed by Joe Watson who is also Choral Director of the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. For their concert they are accompanied by Fr. Neil who was Vicar of St. Faith's from 1999-2012.

Standish Stitches

The Standish Stitches meet in Church on the first Wednesday of the month 13.00 – 16.00 to produce topical and seasonal craftwork. New crafts people are always welcome. Contact Jane Morwood, Anne Wray or Sandra Lengden for more details.

Wednesday	05 July	13.00	Standish Stitchers
Thursday	13 July	19.00	Evensong and Bell-ringers AGM with cheese and wine
Tuesday	18 July	19.00	PCC Meeting
Wednesday	26 July	10.00	Parish Walk followed by BBQ at the church
Friday	28 July -		Chorley Flower Show
Sunday	30 July		
Saturday	29 July	No 17.00 All Age Eucharist today or throughout August <i>They resume on Saturday 02 September</i>	
Sunday	30 July	No 09.00 All Age Eucharist or 11.00 Sung Eucharist today or throughout August <i>They resume on Sunday 03 September</i>	
		10.30	Parish Eucharist
		15.00	Light Classics Recital John Robinson (organ) - Blackburn Cathedral

Art Exhibition This month the exhibition features works by **Pat Richardson**.

Volunteers

St. Laurence's was awarded church of the week in November 2021 by the National Churches Trust for service to our community. **4,927** hours of voluntary time was freely given to our hospitality mission in 2021. We are always seeking more volunteers. If you feel you could assist us in any way, however small, please do contact Fr. Neil.

Music

This month the recital features organ music by **John Robinson, Director of Music at Blackburn Cathedral**. John began musical life as a Chorister at Hereford Cathedral, where he continued at the Cathedral School as an organ pupil of Dr. Roy Massey MBE. Following Organ Scholarships at Canterbury Cathedral and St. John's College Cambridge, he was Assistant Director of Music at Carlisle and Canterbury Cathedrals. John has made numerous recordings as Organ accompanist, Organ Soloist, and as Choir Director, on labels including Hyperion, Decca, Sony Classical, and Priory.

No Art Exhibition in August

During August there is no Saturday 17.00
or Sunday 09.00 All Age Eucharists

Just one Parish Eucharist at 10.30

Wednesday	02 August	13.00	Standish Stitches
Sunday	06 August	Patronal Festival : St Laurence Deacon and Martyr	
		10.30	Parish Eucharist
		12.00	Parish BBQ in the Church Grounds
Sunday	13 August	The Blessed Virgin Mary	
		10.30	Parish Eucharist
		15.00	Afternoon Cream Tea in the Rectory Garden
Sunday	27 August	15.00	Light Classics Recital Charlotte Constantine (recorder), Harvey Stansfield (organ)
Monday	28 August		Pilgrimage of Healing and Renewal (Walsingham)

Music

The recital this month is by Charlotte Constantine, recorder and Harvey Stansfield, organ. Harvey is studying for a BMus degree in organ performance at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and has completed various Organ Scholarships. Harvey is also Principal Keyboard of Sinfonia Borealis and the Director of Music at St Augustine's Church, Edgbaston. Charlotte has recently completed an MMus in Recorder at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Whilst there Charlotte had opportunities to perform in front of renowned recorder players in a masterclass setting such as Michael Form, Susanna Borsch, and flautist Wilbert Hazelet and ensemble masterclasses with Bart Spanhove. In her final year, Charlotte performed with a group of baroque instrumentalists as part of the London International Festival of Early Music.

Sacraments

If you are aged 8 years or older and are interested in making your Holy Communion, or Year 8 and above and interested in being Confirmed please look out for details of the preparation classes that will start late summer or please contact Fr. Neil. Adult candidates are also very welcome.

September

Saturday 17.00 and Sunday 09.00 All Age Eucharists resume

Saturday	02 September	17.00	All Age Eucharist with Blessing of School Bags
Sunday	03 September	09.00	All Age Eucharist with Blessing of School Bags
		11.00	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday	06 September	13.00	Standish Stitches
Saturday	09 September		Heritage Open Day
		12.00	Organ Recital by John Hosking
Sunday	10 September		Heritage Open Day
Saturday	16 September		Harvest Festival
		17.00	All Age Eucharist
Sunday	17 September	09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	Sung Eucharist followed by Jacobs Join
Tuesday	19 September	19.00	PCC Meeting
Sunday	24 September	15.00	Light Classics Recital Danielle Louise Thomas (mezzo soprano), Neil Kelley (piano)
Thursday	28 September	11.00	Macmillan Coffee Morning

Art Exhibition This month's exhibition features works by **Tayshia**.

Music

This month we have two recitals, the first by **John Hosking**. John is 'Organist in Residence' at Blackburn Cathedral. He is also one of the organists for BBC Radio 4's 'Daily Service'. A student at the Royal College of Music, John became Organ Scholar of Westminster Abbey in 1996 and played the organ for many Royal and State occasions, broadcast for the BBC and played 20 solo recitals in the Abbey. A busy composer, John has completed commissions for Bangor, Chester, Ely and Peel Cathedrals, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and the Conwy Festival. The second recital features music from **Danielle Louise Thomas (mezzo soprano) and Neil Kelley (piano)**. Danielle is a classically trained mezzo soprano from Liverpool. Danielle is a versatile performer; her genres of music vary from Classical to Musical Theatre and also putting her own touch on Popular Songs.

Wednesday	04 October	13.00	Standish Stitchers
Friday	06 October	19.00	Chorley Live (1)
Saturday	07 October	19.00	Chorley Live (2)
Wednesday	11 October	11.00	Coffee morning for World Mental Health Day
Sunday	15 October	18.00	Pre-pilgrimage Walsingham meeting and Benediction <i>(ic)</i>
Friday	20 October -		Pilgrimage to the Shrine of
Sunday	22 October		Our Lady of Walsingham
Tuesday	24 October	19.00	Ministry Team Meeting
Sunday	29 October		All Saints Sunday
		11.00	Sung Eucharist <i>(ic)</i>
		15.00	Light Classics Recital
			David Usher (baritone), Neil Kelley (piano)

Art Exhibition This month the exhibition features works by Chorley Lodge Artists.

Warm Welcome

October Half Term

In addition to our current provision this focuses on those who may struggle to heat their homes in the winter. We will extend our opening hours to that we are offering a warm building with lots of different activities for people to engage with give the financial challenges facing us this winter.

Music

This month's recital sees the return of **David Usher (baritone) and Neil Kelley (piano)**. David has had numerous operatic roles and since leaving the R.N.C.M. David is in demand as a soloist for various societies. His varied repertoire includes, "The Messiah", "The Creation", "The Choral Symphony" by Beethoven, "The Requiem" by Mozart "Elijah", "St Paul", "Carmina Burana", "Child of our Time" and various Masses. David has sung for various Societies including The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society and The Royal Armouries Museum. Recent concert work has included "The Apostles" by Elgar and one of the soloists in a new Oratorio by Howard Goodall in Southwark Cathedral, conducted by the composer.

Also look out for details of the Chorley Live events.

November

Wednesday	01 November	13.00	Standish Stitches
Thursday	02 November		<i>All Souls</i> 19.00 Sung Requiem Mass with prayers for the bereaved
Saturday	04 November	17.00	First Communion Service with Bishop Philip
Sunday	05 November	09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	Confirmations Service with Bishop Philip
Sunday	12 November		<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> 10.45 Civic service of Remembrance (Cenotaph)
Tuesday	14 November	19.00	PCC Meeting
Sunday	26 November		<i>Feast of Christ the King</i> 15.00 Light Classics Recital Samuel Austin (organ)

Art Exhibitions

Each month we display works by a local artist.

Exhibition opening times:

Tuesday to Friday

11.00 – 14.00

Saturday

13.00 – 16.00

Sunday

12.00 – 15.00

* please note opening times may change

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This month the exhibition features works by **Gifted**.

Music

Liverpool born Sam Austin studied the organ from an early age. At 10, he secured an appointment at Huyton Parish Church, beginning organ lessons at Liverpool Cathedral with Ian Wells. Sam's undergraduate degree was taken in Organ Performance at the Birmingham Conservatoire before postgraduate studies at the Royal Northern College of Music Manchester where he won the Organ Recital Prize in 2009. Sam is currently Director of Music at Pocklington School in Yorkshire.

Emergency Food Parcels

We offer an emergency food parcel service. This began at the start of the pandemic as a short-term facility but it is now a permanent fixture. Although we are not a foodbank we are open when the foodbanks are closed. With a dedicated telephone service, we respond 24/7 and aim to deliver food to families within the hour.

December

Saturday	02 December		<i>Advent Sunday</i>	
		17.00	All Age Eucharist Toy Service	
Sunday	03 December	09.00	All Age Eucharist Toy Service	
		11.00	Sung Eucharist	
Monday	04 December	09.00	Advent Quiet Day at Whalley Abbey led by Rev. Carol Backhouse	
Wednesday	06 December	13.00	Standish Stitchers	
Sunday	10 December	12.30	Pre Concert Christmas Lunch	
		14.00	Pre Concert Christmas Lunch	
		15.00	Christmas Light Classics Christmas Music directed by Alan Winstanley	
Tuesday	12 December	19.00	Ministry Team Meeting	
Saturday	16 December	17.00	Family Carol Service	
Sunday	17 December	18.30	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. George's	

Music

This month's light classics recital, directed by our organist and director of music Alan Winstanley, features music for the Christmas season.

Please also join us at our Family Carol Service, a service of music and readings suitable for all the family.

Art Exhibition

This month the exhibition features work by Ilse

**Don't forget to collect
a copy of the 2024
diary of events.**

Christmas Toy Appeal

Supporting Chorley Council working in partnership with St. Laurence's and SVP Chorley buddies we aim to provide a gift at Christmas to our most vulnerable children. If you would like to bring a gift of any shape, size or price please bring to one of our Toy Services or look out for posters giving other drop off times.

Christmas

Wednesday	20 December	19.30	Guild Singers Christmas Concert
Sunday	24 December		Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve
		09.00	Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Please note there is no 11.00 Eucharist today
		15.00	Crib Service
		16.30	Crib Service
		20.00	First Eucharist of Christmas with Carols
		23.30	Midnight Mass <i>(ic)</i>
Monday	25 December		Christmas Day
		10.00	Family Eucharist at St. Peter's
		13.00	Christmas Day Meal
		14.30	Christmas Day Meal
Tuesday	26 December		St. Stephen's Day
		10.00	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	27 December		John, the Apostle and Evangelist
		10.00	Eucharists at St Peter's and St George's
Thursday	28 December		Holy Innocents' Day
		12.15	Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day Meal

Each year we host two sittings of a Christmas Day Meal for those that will be alone on Christmas Day or are homeless/vulnerable. The meals are prepared and served by a willing team of volunteers. Please see leaflets in Church more details on either getting involved in helping with the meal or if you would like to book a place.

Guild Singers Christmas Concert*

The annual Guild Singer's Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 20 December 2023. This most enjoyable concert is conducted by Phil Davenport and contains a selection of Christmas pieces and readings.

* An entrance fee will be charged £TBC

Keep in touch.....

Some of the events listed may be subject to change during the year.

Please do check our website for updates www.stlaurencechorley.co.uk

Why not follow us on Facebook too **St. Laurence's Church, Chorley**

With harmony in mind



A series of monthly light classical recitals using music to support mental health and wellbeing.

Please see the monthly diary entries for details of performers.

There is no admission charge for these recitals but a donation of £5.00 (for those who can afford it) would be welcome.

Refreshments are provided from 13.30 before the concerts.

With harmony in mind

Art Exhibitions

January Euxton Painters

This month the display is created by a group of students known as 'Euxton Painters'. Work have been created in a restricted range of media, much of which is Landscape. Each person is encouraged to develop work based on their own research, sketches, and photography. Individuals create work based on local scenes/places they have visited in the UK or abroad.

February Threads of Survival

A powerful collection of handmade quilts continuing the long tradition of recording important historical events in textiles. Started during the Lock Down of 2020 by campaign group, 999 Call for the NHS, the exhibition features artwork by over 160 people from across England. The theme: Life Under Covid and the importance of the NHS.

March Chorley Artists

This exhibition will include an eclectic mix of paintings from local landscapes, botanical and portraits by a small group of local artists who meet weekly to share their love of painting.

April Art in Adlington

Art in Adlington is an art group consisting of talented artists painting in different mediums including watercolours, acrylics and pastels. We use many varied subjects from still life, landscapes, nature and many more. Something for everyone.

May Chorley & District Support for Ukraine

Local Historian Stuart Clewlow will present a gallery of images documenting efforts to send aid to Ukraine and also show how Ukrainians have become part of our community.

June Paintbox

Works produced by amateur artists who meet at the United Reform Church Hall, Chorley. The artists work across different interests in a variety of media.

July Pat Richardson

Art in a variety of mediums by local landscape artist Pat Richardson. Pat strives to create atmosphere within an impressionist style. The exhibition will have all original work ready to hang together with a small selection of unframed work and high-quality cards.

September Tayshia

Successful local artists Taysha Manifold and Harsha Radia exhibit some of their work. A range of subjects using different media are displayed. Mainly original artwork though prints may be available, and commissions undertaken on request.

October Chorley Lodge

Lodge Artists Chorley presents an exhibition of paintings by local artists.

November Gifted

An exhibition of creative work from local artists and crafters perfect for the gifting season.

December Ilse Bogerd

A semi-professional photographer of wildlife and landscapes who started 5 years ago. The exhibition offers you the opportunity to see Ilse's perspective of the beautiful surroundings of Chorley and beyond.

St. Laurence's Church is a Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Help, is a completely free, expert debt help service that will support you all the way through to becoming debt free.

No matter how large or small your problem is, we **can** help.

The first step is often the hardest, but it's really worth it. Asking for help can be daunting, particularly for many people who have reached a crisis point before calling to book an appointment.

All you need to do is call our free helpline number and they will link you up with **Rachel**, our Debt Centre manager.

Here is the number to call:

0800 328 0006

**You do not need to go to church to use this service
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St. Laurence's Wellness Hub



Look out for the launch of our new

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More details will be published in the New Year.



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