

About our church

Welcome to St Lawrence's Hungerford - we are glad you've found us! We are a Church of England congregation in the heart of Hungerford - a vibrant mix of people who love Jesus. Whether you've travelled from afar or live right here in the town, we encourage you to find out more about our church: our worshipping community, our church building and the God who inspires us. We welcome all, just as God welcomes all.

Jesus said "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Our building

Our current building dates from 1816 but people have worshipped here for a lot longer. Some of the contents are medieval, as they were from the 'old' church. As well as the old, there is the new: in 2024, we completed a courageous £800k project to ensure the building meets the needs of the church and wider community.



We encourage you to take a look round! There is a short guide, a long guide or an online guide (QR code), as well notices near points of interest.

Green matters

We try to look after God's world the best we can and have a Net Zero target.



Our clergy team



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Our vision is to become more Christ-like for the sake of God's world, through worship, discipleship and outreach.

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A prayer

Father, help me to live this day to the full,
being true to you, in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,
being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost,
proclaiming Christ in all I say and do.
Amen



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Everybody
Welcome



Services

Sundays

The 8am Holy Communion

A quiet, reflective, traditional service, following the Book of Common Prayer.

The 10am Main Sunday Service

With music led by the organ and music group, we try to have the best of the old and the new. Our Sunday School "Powerpack" meets most weeks and our *All Age Service*, on the first Sunday, is suitable for all, from the very youngest to our eldest. Followed by refreshments and a time to chat.

The 4pm Contemporary Service

Worship is led by a band with modern songs, and there are prayers and a talk. Tea, cake and fellowship follows.

We also join Churches Together in Hungerford for special services and events.

Tuesday at 2pm

A quiet, reflective Communion service, lasting around 30 minutes. Followed by "More Tea Vicar", with refreshments and chat, usually round tables

Home Groups

Home groups are groups of around 10 people who meet during the week, giving the opportunity to ask questions and discover what the Bible means for our lives today. A place to get to know one another better, encourage and support, and care for each others' needs. We have 7 groups.

Courses & learning

We love to learn about our faith and usually run the following courses annually:

- Alpha - a short course that explores faith, life and God.
- The Bereavement Journey
- The Wellbeing Journey

We also run other courses, as one-offs: these have included the Lectio Course about prayer and a breakfast seminar on the environment.

Supporting our community

We support organisations within our town and beyond, including West Berks Foodbank and Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

Activities

*Something for everyone!
Most activities involve cake.*

Baby Song: Friendly Monday group for non-walkers and their parent/carers.

ABC toddlers: Friendly Tuesday group for pre-schoolers and their carers.

Youth Group: Sunday evenings, with fun activities, games and Bible teaching.

Coffee Corner: Time to catch up and chat on Thursdays.

Bell ringing: our tower has 8 bells and bells are rung midweek and Sunday.

St Lawrence Lunches: Monthly Tuesday lunch - buffet lunch, good company.

Volunteering: Monthly working parties to do practical work: painting locks on the canal, planting trees, improving the local environment. Weekly at the primary listening to readers.

Holiday Club: Fun and games for primary age children in the summer hols!

Ad hoc events: We run lots of ad hoc events like barbecues, gardens open, summer fete, concerts of all sorts, Christmas wreathmaking.

Serving: *Most members of the congregation are part of a team - handing out books, playing music, singing, making coffee, reading, cleaning.....its fun and helps us all get to know one another!*

Want to find out more?

- Look on our website
- In church, there are posters and leaflets
- Come and chat on a Sunday
- Sign up to our weekly newsletter
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