

St Laurence Prayer Calendar

Psalm 127.1

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

Lord, we thank you for past generations who have built and preserved St Laurence Church.

Grant us unity in your vision of how it should be renewed to continue to witness to your saving love.

Grant us, too, the patient courage to take forward your vision; we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Psalm 90.17

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

Day of the month	Topics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church related b) Pastoral Centre and local c) People who surround us
1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church mission and outreach b) The accountants based in "The Barn" c) Travel by air and sea – security, customs & border control, safety & maintenance, luggage and dock staff, air-traffic control, port authorities, radar and coast guards
2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Churchwardens and PCC b) Eco Centre and Community Gardens: Masefield, Allens Cross and NAF (opposite Sainsburys garage) c) Food production and processors – agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, cleaning, wrapping, cooking, freezing, packaging
3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Holy Dusters and Caretaking b) InExpress (Logistics Company with offices in PC) c) Museums and art galleries – volunteers, paid staff
4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keble College, Oxford (our Patron) b) All who are planning weddings or recently married c) Home-makers – parents, child minders, carers, cleaners, DIY

5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and everyone's role in safeguarding at church b) Northfield Community Partnership c) Hospitals and GP's – doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dentists, receptionists, administration, cleaners
6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Choir and Organists b) CASBA (Advocacy charity for adults with learning difficulties based in Pastoral Centre) c) Communications and Social Media – writers, printers, editors, tweeters etc
7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Intercessors, Sunday and Wednesday Readers b) St Laurence Infant & Junior Schools, pupils, staff and governors c) Manufacturers – Owners, managers, operatives, craft workers
8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Social and Fund-raising committee members b) Larry's and after school clubs c) CofE Birmingham-Malawi link
9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PCC Treasurer & PCC Secretary b) Church and local Community relationships c) Local authority workers & staff – rubbish collection, road cleaning, park maintenance, council tax, social workers
10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Liturgical Colour Changers and Linen Washers b) St Laurence Scout Group, other local Guides & Scouts and Army Cadets (Overbury Estate) c) Educational establishments – teachers, technicians, administrators, cleaners, staff, assistant staff, organisers, governors
11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Grave-diggers and Churchyard gardeners b) Northfield Library and Institute of Adult Education c) Vulnerable and frail persons and those with learning difficulties.
12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Servers & those who administer Holy Communion b) Churches belonging to our Oversight Area and the Oversight Minister c) Small service businesses - builders, plumbers and electricians, gardeners and window cleaners etc
13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sunday Coffee Teams b) Allotments – Tinkers Farm and Wychall Lane c) Judicial and Prison system – judges, lawyers, clerks, court officials, victim support, magistrates system, prison officers, probation officers, prisoners, police officers.

14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Saturday Church Open Team b) Families with adopted and fostered children c) Travel by land – truck, car and van drivers, bus & train drivers, road and rail maintenance, station & service-station staff,
15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Health and Safety Team for Church and Pastoral Centre b) Schools in the Parish other than St Laurence – The Edge, Bellfield (Infants and Juniors), Victoria, Longwill (for deaf children), James Brindley c) Projects to mitigate climate change from Christian Aid to Green Technology.
16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A new Rector and those taking services in the Vacancy b) Victoria Common staff & friends, Sons of Rest, Rea Valley and Merritts Brook parks c) Scientific research – biology and genetics, chemistry and pharmaceuticals, physics and astronomy
17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sunday School & Wild Church leaders b) Local Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and Free Churches c) Carers and care home staff – cooks, carers, volunteers, cleaners, maintenance, management.
18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Archbishops & Bishops (& for new Bishop of Birmingham) b) Stay & Play Group and Local Pre-school Nurseries c) Computers and electronics – help desks, software developers, systems designers
19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish Administrator b) Masefield Community Hub (Overbury Estate) c) Workers in dangerous places - Miners and underground workers – Roofers and telephone engineers
20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flower Guild b) Local heritage and conservation c) Those with employment difficulties – retired, job-seekers, those disadvantaged in the job market and refugees
21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mothers' Union b) YMCA and Norwood House (run by Mind) c) Armed services – army, navy, air force, marines, submariners, commandos
22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fabric committee & all working on the maintenance and improvement of the church and pastoral centre b) Keep fit clubs, Slimming clubs, healthy living groups and the swimming pool, leisure centre and gym c) Politicians and civil servants - national and international

23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bible and Fellowship Discussion Groups b) Job Centre & all helping those looking for employment c) Financial system – banks, building societies, insurance, money lenders
24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church publicity b) Local Councillors and MP c) Funeral Directors – embalmers, grave diggers, pall bearers, office staff, management
25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Archdeacons and Area Deans b) Ash Grove, Chatham Place and Millbrook supported living accommodation c) Animal carers – vets, farriers, horse and dog racing personnel, animal charities
26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tower-bell ringers & Handbell ringers b) Sewing group and all engaged in creative activities in PC c) Emergency services – ambulance, fire, police, lifeboats, mountain rescue, air ambulance
27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sides-people and welcomers b) Local hotels and guest houses c) Theatre, TV, Films, Orchestras, Opera, Ballet and Groups – actors, wardrobe, scenery, writers, singers, musicians, technical staff
28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Look-out Group Leaders & their groups b) Royal Orthopaedic Hospital (Woodlands) c) Leisure industry - pubs and restaurants, clubs and associations – owners, managers, staff, cooks, cleaners
29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning of Worship and drawing up rotas b) Those recently baptised or confirmed c) Shops, stores, stalls and supermarkets – owners, managers, serving staff, cleaners, stock staff
30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lay Reader and vocations to this ministry b) Local “Warm Spaces” including ‘Tuck-in Tuesdays’ c) Sports – football, cricket, rugby, athletics, gymnastics, cycling, swimming etc.
31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Gratitude for St. Laurence and congregation b) Gratitude for locality c) Gratitude for country and the world