

# ST LAURENCE'S NEWS:

It's official, St Laurence's is getting its "mojo" back. It started with a very successful village fayre in West Coker, thanks to Julie and Allan, who raised £325 on homemade preserves. We also have stalls at Eton Action on 18<sup>th</sup> September (11am – 4pm) and the following day at Maidenhead Duck Day at Boulter's Lock (1pm – 5pm), put these dates in your diary.

Meanwhile Julie James has related some of the memorials inside the church with their corresponding graves in the churchyard. Investigating two small brass plaques in the chancel in memory of the Ward family, (not to be confused with the artist in our churchyard), we have discovered a wealth of information spanning the world to Fiji, Australia and the concentration camps of Bavaria in the First World War. St Laurence's has three existing graves to the family, one containing eight members, a pulpit, two stain-glass windows and 'Christ in Glory' in opus sectile in the chancel. This all adds up to a special presentation for our annual Heritage season on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.00-5.00pm at St Laurence's, followed by Tea.

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,000 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE.

Heritage Open Days 2021 at St Laurence's *Upton Court Road, Slough SL3 7LS*)

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: Open 2 – 4pm
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Bucks Historic Churches Trust "Ride & Stride" Open 10am – 6pm
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September: "Meet the Ward Family" presentation + afternoon Tea 3.00 – 5.00pm

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