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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

25. 6. 2023 - The Feast of
Dedication

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidesmen today are: Sarah
and Charles Vernede

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BOOKLET
HOME WITH YOU**

Hymn

Christ is made the sure
foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
speak within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

In the Name of God: Father, Son
and the Holy Spirit . **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God to whom all
hearts are open all desires
known and from whom no
secrets are hid cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy
Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Penitence

We are a temple of God's
indwelling Holy Spirit, yet we
have grieved him. The temple of
our bodies does not belong to us,
but was bought at the price of
Christ's precious blood. So we
come, in sorrow yet with
confidence, to ask forgiveness of
our Father in heaven.

**Almighty God, our heavenly
Father in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against
you through our own fault in
thought, word, and deed and in**

what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

We sing:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We sing:

Gloria in Excelsis

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.*

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer before receiving the Word of God — Before we read, we pray together.....

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard;

**In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen.**

**The First Reading read by
Stephen Crowe**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

You deceived me, Lord, and I was deceived;

you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long;
everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I cry out
proclaiming violence and destruction.

So the word of the Lord has brought me

insult and reproach all day long.

But if I say, "I will not mention his word

or speak anymore in his name,"
his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.

I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!

Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"

All my friends

are waiting for me to slip,
saying,

"Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior;

so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;

their dishonour will never be forgotten.

Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous

and probe the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord!

Give praise to the Lord!

He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to
minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith
receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Lord, we love the house of your
habitation and the place where
your glory abides.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord be with you
And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew

“The student is not above the
teacher, nor a servant above his
master. It is enough for students
to be like their teachers, and
servants like their masters. If the
head of the house has been
called Beelzebul, how much more
the members of his household!

“So do not be afraid of them, for
there is nothing concealed that
will not be disclosed, or hidden
that will not be made known. What
I tell you in the dark, speak in the
daylight; what is whispered in
your ear, proclaim from the roofs.
Do not be afraid of those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather, be afraid of the One who
can destroy both soul and body in
hell. Are not two sparrows sold for
a penny? Yet not one of them will
fall to the ground outside your

Father’s care. And even the very
hairs of your head are all
numbered. 31 So don’t be afraid;
you are worth more than many
sparrows,. “Whoever
acknowledges me before others, I
will also acknowledge before my
Father in heaven. But whoever
disowns me before others, I will
disown before my Father in
heaven.

“Do not suppose that I have come
to bring peace to the earth. I did
not come to bring peace, but a
sword. For I have come to turn “a
man against his father, a daughter
against her mother, a daughter-in-
law against her mother-in-law— a
man’s enemies will be the
members of his own household.’

“Anyone who loves their father or
mother more than me is not
worthy of me; anyone who loves
their son or daughter more than
me is not worthy of me. Whoever
does not take up their cross and
follow me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life for my
sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

The Reflection

The Creed - said together
We believe in one God, the
Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is,

seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church - led by Sarah Lindop

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us. We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church. For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this congregation, as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom in the sacrament of the Eucharist,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the sick and suffering: We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle, Hilary Deller
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for grace to persevere like them. Those recently departed: Colin White
And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson, Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Sandy Jones, Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader, Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David William Potter, Lewis Waghorn, Trevor Thomas

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a sense of our fellowship with Laurence our patron and all your saints, **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling—a place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

In the silence of our hearts we offer to God our own particular prayers....

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father. Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace. Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

And also with you.

Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues
united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:
'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most
high.'

With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the
power,
the glory, the splendour, and the
majesty;

for everything in heaven and on
earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give
you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation: through your goodness
we have this bread to offer, which
earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us
the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation: through your goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of
the vine and work of human
hands. It will become for us the
cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be accepta-
ble to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacri-
fice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our
good, and the good of all his
Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.
**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer Preface and then all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.**

(Sit/kneel)

*The Priest continues, recalling
and remembering with us the Last
Supper..... then we sing:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*At the End of the next part of the
Eucharistic Prayer we respond
Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are
bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy
kingdom come; thy will be
done; on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into tempta-
tion; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever
and ever.**

Amen.

WE BREAK BREAD

We break this bread to share in
the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are
one body**

We sing together

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, grant us
peace.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to
this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteous-
ness, but in your manifold and
great mercies. We are not wor-
thy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table. But
you are the same Lord whose
nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious
Lord, so to eat the flesh of your
dear Son Jesus Christ and to
drink his blood, that our sinful
bodies may be made clean by
his body and our souls washed
through his most precious**

blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

A Prayer for those joining us on Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

WE SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Chalice bearers today are: Stephen and Rachael Ringer

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. **[Refrain]**

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. **[Refrain]**

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, continue to fill this house of worship and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Like living stones, precious in his sight, go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

Thanks be to God.

Notices

Hymn

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought
her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end.
Tho' there be those that hate her
and strive to see her fail,

against both foe and traitor
she ever shall prevail.

Tho' with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain
with us always.
**And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**
Amen.

Please sit for the **Organ Volun-
tary**

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NOTICES

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST at
Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.
Please do join us.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME
(PGS)** – please be reminded that
the way the Church will be col-
lecting and accounting for regular
and / or planned giving changed
from the end of April 2023. Infor-
mation packs are available at the
side of the church. Your partici-
pation in the new scheme is very
much encouraged. Please speak
to Mr Julian van Kan for further
information.

A MESSAGE FROM SANDRA -

A HUGE Thank You to all for the
generous donations of cakes for
the Tea Stall at the Village
Fête. Thank You also to all who
helped set up, serve and to clear
at the end. All your help was
greatly appreciated. In spite of
the intense heat, the stall was
busy and well supported.
The tea stall made £224 and the
Choir Tombola made £132

CHORAL EVENSONG will be
held on Sunday 2nd July at
5.00pm in St Laurence Church.

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