

HL ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUN-
ION
HARVEST FESTIVAL
1ST OCTOBER 2023



INTROIT HYMN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thou burning sun with golden
beam,
thou silver moon with softer
gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so
strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise re-
joice,
ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye folk of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow
bear,
praise God and on Him cast your
care;
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise
the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in
One;
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION

You delight in creation, its colour
and diversity; yet we have mis-
used the earth and plundered its
resources for our own selfish
ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of
chaos, light in darkness, good
out of evil, but we have preferred
darkness in words and deeds
which
dishonour God's holy name.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with
blessings, but we have been
grudging towards others and

lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

God of love, open our ears to listen to your word. Lead us to help one another and to live our lives as you ask us to. We ask this through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 read by Holly O'Neill

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was

sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

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

REFLECTION

Harvest Gifts are brought to the altar during which the following hymn is sung:

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.

We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.

You only are the Maker of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread. **[Refrain]**

We thank you, then, Creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time, and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome:

our humble, thankful hearts. **[Refrain]**

THE CREED

**Father, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

**Jesus we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

**Spirit, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

PRAYERS LED BY JANE COOPER

We know that God loves us and so we have the courage to pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may never forget people who are poor and may make decisions for the good of all our brothers and sisters.

We pray for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world: that they may have the chance to grow their way out of poverty.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for all around the world affected by drought, flood, fire, conflict and war.
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our parish, our families and our friends: that we may be moved to share what we have with others, especially those who are poor or in need.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all families: that they may continue to learn, grow food and build a better future for themselves.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all people throughout the world who hunger: that they may come to share in the food God gives for us all.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may have the faith and courage to try to build a brighter world so that it becomes a better place for all to live.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jarvis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker, Helen Whitaker.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for those recently departed: Don Buckle.

We pray too for all those whose years' mind occur this month: Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring to the Lord our own particular prayers.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the same of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

We stand to sing

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze His Name abroad,
For of gods He is the God:

For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:

For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He His chosen race did bless
In the wasteful wilderness:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He hath with a pious eye
Looks upon our misery:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us therefore warble forth
His high majesty and worth:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

The bread we offer which symbolises our work, becomes for us the Body of Christ. **Amen**

The wine we offer which symbolises our leisure, becomes for us the Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

We offer to God all that we are so we sing:

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now
to you.

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 him thanks and
praise**

Why do we give thanks and praise
at this table?
**We give thanks for all that God
has done for us.**

God the Father created the heav-
ens, the earth and everything in
them; and created us in his own
image.
Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human
like us, and died to save us.
Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather
us together as the people of God
Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to
worship this God who loves

We 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.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before
Jesus our Saviour suffered and
died, he gave us this holy meal to
share and told us to continue it un-
til he comes again.

Why do we eat bread together at this table?

On the night before he died, Je-
sus took bread. After giving
thanks, he broke it, and gave it to
his disciples saying, "Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you. Do
this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Je-
sus took the cup, saying. "This
cup is God's new covenant sealed
with my blood, poured out for you
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this
in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gra-
cious love for us, Christ's death
and resurrection for us, and the
Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We say:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy 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.

**The Chalice bearers today are:
Kent Harries and Peggy Stone**

We Share in Holy Communion and Bread of Friendship.

EVERYONE is invited to come for a blessing and to share in the Bread of Friendship.

For a Personal Blessing and/or a Special Prayer only, please also go to the Vicar at the High Altar Rail.

COMMUNION HYMN (TAIZE CHANT)

Ubi caritas et amor

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

Your love, O Jesus Christ,
has gathered us together **(Refrain)**

May your Love, O Jesus Christ
be foremost in our lives **(Refrain)**

Let us love one another
as God has loved us **(Refrain)**

Let us be in love together
in the one bread of Christ **(Refrain)**

The love of God in Jesus Christ
bears eternal joy **(Refrain)**

The love of God in Jesus Christ
will never have an end **(Refrain)**

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

God our Father, as a friend at table your Son Jesus has broken for us his bread of peace and spoken to us your word of forgiveness. Be with us as we go out to share your love and peace with our family and friends. remake our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children,

that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing ...

Please sit for the Notices

HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!

We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Giving angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;

Come, ten thousand angels,
come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

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**
Gibbons F Major Prelude

The week ahead - October 1st. to October 9th 2023

1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims,
Apostle of the Franks, 533

1 Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl
of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer,
1885

3 George Bell, Bishop of Chich-
ester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker,
1958

4 Francis of Assisi, Friar, Dea-
con, Founder of the Friars Minor,
1226

6 William Tyndale, Translator of
the Scriptures, Reformation Mar-
tyr, 1536

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.

**THE DIOCESAN CONFIRMA-
TION SERVICE** will take place at
Canterbury Cathedral on Satur-
day the 18th November at
7.30pm. We already have a
number of candidates from St.
Laurence. If there is anyone else
interested in being confirmed,
please speak to the Vicar.
Names of candidates have to be
sent to the Diocese by 1st. Octo-
ber. Thank you.
- Fr. Rodney

**THE DIOCESE WEALD DEAN-
ERY ROADSHOW** will be held
on Thursday 12th October at 7
pm in St Dunstan's Church,
Cranbrook. Bishop Rose will
open the meeting and lead the

worship. This is an "open" meeting; everyone is welcome to attend.

After the introduction and worship there will be three break-out workshops. Everyone is welcome to join one of the workshops:

- Towards Carbon Net Zero
- Use of Church Buildings
- Including and Welcoming Children and Young People

This is an opportunity to learn about things happening within the Diocese, and to bring some ideas back to our churches and parishes.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW VICAR OF CRANBROOK – we have received the following message from the churchwardens of St Dunstan's:

You may have recently read that Richard King has been appointed the new Vicar for St Dunstan's Church and Cranbrook. Richard is currently Rector of St John the Evangelist, in Edmonton, Canada and along with his wife Shelly will arrive in the UK in October.

Rev'd Richard will be Installed by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin

in St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook (TN17 3HA) on **Wednesday, 25th October at 7.00pm.**

You are very warmly invited to join us at this joyous occasion. Refreshments will be provided.

Please save the date and do extend this invitation to your friends and colleagues

AT YOUR SERVICE

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