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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist  
Service.

10.9.2023 - The Fourteenth  
Sunday after Trinity

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

The Sidesmen today are: Judy  
Darkins and Ali Jones

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET  
HOME WITH YOU

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Hymn (Please stand if you are  
able)

O God, our Help in ages past,  
our Hope for years to come,  
our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone,

short as the watch that ends the  
night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our Help in ages past,  
our Hope for years to come,  
be Thou our Guard while life shall  
last,  
and our eternal Home!

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**

When Christ appears we shall be  
like him, because we shall see  
him as he is. As he is pure, all who  
have grasped this hope make  
themselves pure. So let us  
confess our sins that mar his  
image in us.

**Confession**

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord,  
is in the heavens, and your  
faithfulness reaches to the clouds:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Your righteousness is like the  
strong mountains, and your  
justice as the great deep:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For with you is the well of life and  
in your light shall we see light:  
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, whose only Son  
has opened for us a new and  
living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast  
wills to worship you in spirit and in  
truth; 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 Romans 13:8-  
end**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
of never-failing skill;  
He treasures up His bright  
designs,  
and works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage  
take;  
the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break  
in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble  
sense,  
but trust Him for His grace;  
behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
unfolding every hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste,  
but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
and He will make it plain.

**Gospel Reading - Matthew  
18:15-20**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,

that we may know what is the hope

that belongs to our call.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to Christ our Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen,

take one or two others along with you,

so that 'every fact may be established

on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If he refuses to listen even to the church,

then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you,

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you,

if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,

it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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 liv-**

ing 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 Norma Crowe**

Everlasting God, Lord of compassion and gracious understanding, we come with an openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, and to thank you, for your goodness.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God we recognise that the work of helping people through life can leave church leaders vulnerable to spiritual attack. We thank you for our church leaders,. We pray for our Bishops, Justin and Rose.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray that they won't allow criticism or negativity to blunt their ministry; that they will hear encouragement, and that they will always respond in love and forgiveness when difficulties arise.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for our world, where through television and our newspapers, we see the misery and tragedy brought about by wrong choices and brought into our homes day by day.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for wisdom and compassion in all negotiations and decisions taken by our world and local leaders; and ask that there be humility in leadership and responsibility for right action shared by all.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, help us to use our influence and the talents you have given us to bring peace, joy and fun into people's lives, instead of stirring up strife. We pray for those who visit our parish that they would enjoy themselves, and enjoy each other. May their visit bring not only pleasure but restoration and healing into their lives.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we raise before you those who are ill, hospitalised or recuperating and for those we know within our families and circle of friends especially We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jarvis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker, Helen Whitaker

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you. We pray for those recently departed: Anthony Farnfield

And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Joan Jennings, Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Richard Thompson, James Little.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Faithful God, forgive us for those times when we treat ourselves with less kindness than you do. We want to believe in ourselves the way you believe in us and so as we go out to live the coming week show us more of the life you have designed especially for us to live

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

### The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew,  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul refreshing view  
Of Jesus, and His Word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!

How sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made Thee  
mourn

And drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,  
And worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with  
God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

### **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 Eu-  
charistic 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 temptation; 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, because we all share in the one bread.**

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.**

### **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 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 ever-  
more 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 re-  
ceive you into my soul. Since I  
cannot now receive You sacra-  
mentally, come at least spiritu-  
ally 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:  
**Alison Jones and Alison  
Parsons**

**The Communion Anthem - Lead  
me Lord - by SS Wesley**

**Communion Hymn**

We hail thy Presence glorious,  
O Christ our great high Priest,  
O'er sin and death victorious,  
At thy thanksgiving feast:

As thou art interceding  
For us in heaven above,  
Thy Church on earth is pleading  
Thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation  
Thine own their hearts upraise,  
Offering one pure Oblation,  
One Sacrifice of praise:

With thee in blest communion  
The living and the dead  
Are joined in closest union,  
One Body with one Head.

O living Bread from heaven,  
Jesu, our Saviour good,  
Who thine own self hast given  
To be our souls' true food;  
For us thy body broken  
Hung on the Cross of shame:  
This Bread its hallowed token  
We break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,  
Poured from the one true Vine,  
With our weak nature blending  
The strength of life divine;  
Our thankful faith confessing  
In thy life-blood outpoured,  
We drink this Cup of blessing  
And praise thy name, O Lord.

May we thy word believing  
Thee through thy gifts receive,  
That, thou within us living,  
We all to God may live;  
Draw us from earth to heaven  
Till sin and sorrow cease,  
Forgiving and forgiven,  
In love and joy and peace.

**Post - Communion Prayers**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is  
gracious

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Lord God, the source of truth and  
love, keep us faithful to the apos-  
tles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking

of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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**

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you his peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Notices**

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

The God of Abraham praise,

Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love;  
Jehovah! Great I AM!  
By earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name,  
Forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys  
At His right hand;  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame and power;  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tower.

The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”  
They ever cry;  
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!  
We join the heavenly lays;  
All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise.

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 departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **And rise in glory. Amen.**

**Please sit for the Organ Voluntary - Gibbons A Minor Prelude**

## **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 collecting and accounting for regular and / or planned giving changed from the end of April 2023. Information packs are available at the side of the church. Your participation in the new scheme is very much encouraged. Please speak to Mr Julian van Kan for further information.

**THE NEXT BREAKFAST TALK** - will be at 9.30am. on Saturday 30th September. For catering purposes, please sign the sheet at the side of the church if you intend to come to the talk.

***The talk will be given by Nicholas Holtam, former Bishop of Salisbury.***

***The title of the talk will be: 'Creationtide – Everything, Everywhere, All the Time'***

**ST LAURENCE HARVEST SUPPER AND QUIZ** is to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September in

Church. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets £10 per person.

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) - £25

Raffle and pay bar.

**Tickets available from the Social Committee after church** (or call Ali on 01580 755705)

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## **The week ahead - September 10 to September 16, 2023**

13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

14 Holy Cross Day

15 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258

16 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432

16 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882