

**DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY**  
**Changed lives - Changing lives**

**St. Laurence Parish Church**  
**Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist**

**Service.**

**8.10.2023 - The Eighteenth**  
**Sunday after Trinity**

Please Note: The Zoom details  
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidesmen today are: Kate  
Lagden and Diana Hunt

Hymn (Please stand if you are  
able)

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them  
move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt  
choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt  
choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart; it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Ringer - Philippians  
3:4b-17**

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

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes,

to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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

Lord, Thy Word abideth,  
And our footsteps guideth,  
Who its truth believeth,  
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
Then Thy Word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
And dark clouds before us,  
Then its light directeth,  
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
Who recount the treasure,  
By Thy Word imparted  
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
Succour to the living;  
Word of life, supplying  
Comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning  
Its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear Thee.  
Evermore be near Thee!

**Gospel Reading - Matthew**  
**21:33-end**

**R. Alleluia, 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, 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**

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he

sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes’?”

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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

### The Reflection

#### Nicene Creed

**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 Fa-  
ther,  
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 men and for our salva-  
tion  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Vir-  
gin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was bur-  
ied.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scrip-  
tures;  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he  
is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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

Everlasting God, you want us to  
be a generous people offering our  
time, talents and money to your

service. Guard us, Lord, from holding back when we should be letting go and honouring you as Lord of all we have.

We pray for the work of our parish and our Vicar, Fr. Rodney and all PCC members especially for those who deal with the day to day finances of its work and deal with all the problems of balancing the books.

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

Holy God, we thank you for your creation and remember that you entrusted it to our care as stewards. Give us wisdom to manage our money and personal finances well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst receiving its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership.

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

Creator God, we pray especially for the world's politicians and business leaders, those who manage economies and have responsibility to care for the environment. We also pray for all business leaders, large and small that they may run their businesses in a fair and honest way

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

Father God, your word promises all the material things that we need to live but we find it hard to trust. We pray now for all those who struggle with the burden of personal debt: for those too frightened to face the problem, for couples who cannot talk about it, for children who cannot understand but live with the worry.

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

We pray also for those who are consumed by money worries, anxious about jobs or homes or the future; those who feel they have lost control of money and cannot cope.

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

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from financial problems. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

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

May we always be ready to give practical help whenever we can and to ensure that those on their own are able to manage and cope with the day to day life. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker, Helen Whitaker.

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

Merciful God, we remember with thankfulness and gratitude all those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter, but who have now gone before us to be with Christ. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours. We pray for those recently departed: Don Buckle

And 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 Traversers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady, Andrew Burke – Smith.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, as we prepare for the week to come, help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection day by day and in the sharing of his sufferings to become more like him in his death.

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

### 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)

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse  
each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about

with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **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 acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice 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 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 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:  
Ali Jones and Peter Hodges**

### **Communion Hymn**

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on  
Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him that  
pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread  
forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine  
eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacri-  
fice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed  
face,  
and only look on us as found in  
him;  
look not on our misusings of thy  
grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our  
faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their  
reward  
we set the Passion of thy Son our  
Lord.

And then for those, our dearest  
and our best,  
by this prevailing presence we ap-  
peal:

O fold them closer to thy mercy's  
breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls'  
true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them  
white and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength  
to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy  
feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst  
love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so  
sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad  
and free,  
and grant us never more to part  
with thee.

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is  
gracious  
**God's mercy endures for ever.**

We praise and thank you, O  
Christ, for this sacred feast: for  
here we receive you, here the  
memory of your passion is re-  
newed, here our minds are filled  
with grace, and here a pledge of  
future glory is given, when we  
shall feast at that table where you  
reign with all your saints for ever.

**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)

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him

upon earth,  
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured all ages along:  
for love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

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**

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## **NOTICES**

**THE DIOCESE WEALD DEANERY ROADSHOW** will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**INSTALLATION OF THE NEW VICAR OF CRANBROOK** – 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.

Reverend Richard will be Installed by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin in St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook (TN17 3HA) on **Wednesday, 25th October at 7.00pm.**

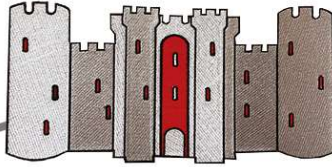
You are very warmly invited to attend this joyous occasion. Refreshments will be provided.

## **TESCO COMMUNITY PLEDGE**

– five chances to win £1,000 with Tesco and *Easyfundraising*. Sign up to *Easyfundraising* and encourage your church community as your supporters. Every time they shop online with Tesco, church enters the prize draw to win £1,000. Sign up today!

## **The week ahead - 8th October to the 14th October**

- 9 Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250
- 9 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253
- 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644
- 10 Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674
- 11 Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675
- 11 James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century
- 12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709
- 12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
- 12 Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915
- 13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066



# **Bodiam Concert Band**

invites you to a

## **Friends & Families Concert**

**Monday, 16th October, 7.30pm  
St Laurence Church, The Moor,  
Hawkhurst, TN18 4RS**

An informal evening of wonderful music ranging from *Holst's First Suite for Band* and the *Radetsky March* by *Johann Strauss Snr* to *Mary Poppins* and *Stevie Wonder's You are the Sunshine of my Life*—and much more.

The programme also includes a chance to hear the different voices of the band performing alone or in small sectional ensembles.

Feel free to wander round during the performance to enjoy the varying acoustics of the church—it is a lovely place to perform. The ensembles will be located in different areas, too.

*The seating will be cabaret-style so do bring your own refreshments—and if possible your re-usable coffee cup as we'll be providing tea and coffee during the intervals. We look forward to welcoming you on 16th! Entry is free.*