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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist  
Service.

22.10.2023 - The Twentieth  
Sunday after Trinity

Please Note: The Zoom details  
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

Thank you to Rachael Ringer  
who is managing the Virtual  
Organ today

The Sidesmen today are: Diana  
Hunt and Diana Ringer

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET**  
**HOME WITH YOU**

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

Stand up, stand up for Jesus  
ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
his army he shall lead  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the trumpet call obey;

forth to the mighty conflict  
in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are men now serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger  
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armour,  
each piece put on with prayer;  
where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next, the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh  
a crown of life shall be;  
he with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.

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**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 Anne Wheelhouse - Isaiah 45:1-7**

#### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

“This is what the Lord says to his anointed,

to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of

to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their armour,

to open doors before him  
so that gates will not be shut:

I will go before you  
and will level the mountains;  
I will break down gates of bronze  
and cut through bars of iron.

I will give you hidden treasures,  
riches stored in secret places,  
so that you may know that I am the Lord,

the God of Israel, who summons you by name.  
For the sake of Jacob my servant,

of Israel my chosen,  
I summon you by name  
and bestow on you a title of honour,  
though you do not

acknowledge me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;

apart from me there is no God.

I will strengthen you,

though you have not acknowledged me,

so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole

and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian,  
friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,

my Lord, my Life, my Way, my  
End,  
accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love pro-  
claim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of your name  
refresh my soul in death.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew**

**22:15-22**

**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 Je-  
sus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Lord**

The Pharisees went off  
and plotted how they might en-  
trap Jesus in speech.  
They sent their disciples to him,  
with the Herodians, saying,  
"Teacher, we know that you are  
a truthful man  
and that you teach the way of  
God in accordance with the truth.  
And you are not concerned with  
anyone's opinion,

for you do not regard a person's  
status.

Tell us, then, what is your opin-  
ion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax  
to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,  
"Why are you testing me, you  
hypocrites?

Show me the coin that pays the  
census tax."

Then they handed him the Ro-  
man coin.

He said to them, "Whose image  
is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,  
"Then repay to Caesar what be-  
longs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to  
God."

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 Sandra Dreyer

Faithful God, sometimes our faith  
feels weak. The trials of life test  
our faith and we find it hard to re-  
joice. Help our faith to grow and  
help us realise that it is the most  
important thing in our lives. Show  
us how to rise above our human  
weaknesses and to grow  
stronger in our Christian Faith.  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our  
prayer.**

Mighty God help us to see that  
things which seem completely  
impossible becomes possible, if  
they are approached with faith.  
Help us to see that if we ap-  
proach a thing saying, "It can't be  
done," it will not but if we ap-  
proach it saying, "It must be  
done," the chances are that it  
will; always remembering that we  
approach no task alone, but that  
You and all Your power is with  
us.

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

Creator God, we pray for your  
world. Forgive us when we are  
ungrateful, when lack of faith and  
spiritual blindness prevents us

from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature.

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

Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for the farmers of the world many of whom still use those methods described by Jesus and we especially pray that they may be treated with fairness for their labours. We especially remember those who work with the land here in the parish and the surrounding area

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

Father God, we pray for our loved ones; for those who lift our hearts and those who turn our hair grey. We pray for those we instinctively warm to and those with whom there are frequent misunderstandings. We thank God for our opportunities of forgiveness

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

Living God, we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved. For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy, for the sick, lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed.

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

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.**

Everlasting God, we pray for those approaching death, that through our prayers they may know themselves accompanied with love on that journey. We pray for those who have died, that they may come to know the full joy of heaven. We pray for those recently departed: Ken Davis

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 Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

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)**

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand  
with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

### **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 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, 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:  
Andrea Higgins and Alison Parsons**

### Communion Hymn

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt  
praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest  
raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the  
waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we  
pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

### Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

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

God our Father, whose Son, the light unailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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

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 Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

#### *Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think how God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burdens

gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my  
sin:

When Christ shall come with  
shouts of acclamation,  
To take me home, what joy will fill  
my heart!

Then I will bow in humble adora-  
tion,

And there proclaim, my God, how  
great thou art!

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 Vol-  
untary** - Jesu Joy of Man's De-  
siring - J S Bach

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**The week ahead - 22nd. Octo-  
ber to the 28th October**

25 Crispin and Crispinian, Mar-  
tyrs at Rome, c.287

26 Alfred the Great, King of the  
West Saxons, Scholar, 899

26 Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham,  
Bishop of the East Saxons, 664

28 Simon and Jude, Apostles

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### **Years' Mind List**

If there are any departed loved  
ones whose names you would  
like to add to our Years' Mind  
List, please give their names to  
Fr. Rodney, Ali or Liz.

### **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 collect-  
ing 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 en-  
couraged. Please speak to Mr Jul-  
ian van Kan for further infor-  
mation.

**INSTALLATION OF THE NEW  
VICAR OF CRANBROOK** – You  
may have recently read that Rich-  
ard 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.

**THE HUMAN JOURNEY - A NEW SMALL GROUP COURSE IN THE PARISH OF ST. LAURENCE, HAWKHURST, FOR NOVEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024**

We all have questions about health: Will my child be healthy? What if I get cancer? Why do I sometimes feel so down? What about dementia in my later years?

Today we see the health needs of different countries in more details than ever before. How are we to be good neighbours in the global community? Almost every day brings reports of new advances in medical technology. But how can we decide whether it's right to use them?

The Human Journey sets out a framework for thinking about these issues biblically. In an ever-changing world, the Bible's timeless truths offer a firm foundation to engage with health-related questions. Above all, our questions about health and wellbeing need to be seen in the greater context of God's design for humanity, the universe and everything - God's plan to unite all things under Jesus Christ.

The book issued accompanies an eight-part course which aims to equip Christians to think biblically and theologically about health and to encourage better incorporation of healthcare expertise into church life and ministry. It can be read alone, but will be most useful explored and discussed in the context of the course.

***The Course is put together by the Christian Medical Fellowship.***

**Sign-up sheet on the table at the side of the church if you are interested.**

**PARISH LUNCH** - on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Diana and Stephen Ringer will be cooking a delicious lunch which will be served in the church:

Hot meal with Vegan Option and wine. Start time at 12:30.

Please bring own cutlery and plates.  
£10 each, Under 12's £5, Under 5's free, families by negotiation.  
Donations of desserts welcome, please check with Diana (so we do not get, for example, 17 apple crumbles!)

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL –**  
will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat 9<sup>th</sup>  
and Sun 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

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