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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

5.11..2023 - The Feast of All
Saints

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidesmen today are: Diana
Ringer and Jean Elliott

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

For all the saints who from their
labours rest,
who Thee by faith before the world
confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress
and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-
fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one
true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship
divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory
shine;

yet all are one in Thee, for all are
Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the
warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph
song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms
are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But then there breaks a still more
glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright
array;
the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
in praise of Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. Hebrews 12.1

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal; 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, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ

our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love 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 Bob Ash

A reading from the book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees

until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures.

They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up
and said to me,
"Who are these wearing white
robes, and where did they come
from?"

I said to him, "My lord, you are the
one who knows."

He said to me,

"These are the ones who have
survived the time of great dis-
tress;
they have washed their robes
and made them white in the Blood
of the Lamb."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn (Please stand if
you are able)

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter moon,
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified,
He sends His Spirit on His Church,
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
This gospel message we proclaim,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
And I will give you rest, says the
Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew
Glorify to Christ our Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he
went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his dis-
ciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of
God.
Blessed are they who are perse-
cuted for the sake of righteous-
ness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of
heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult
you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against
you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in
heaven."

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 Anne Wheelhouse**

Let us pray to God, whose saints
have witnessed to his glory.

Everlasting God, we pray that
your Church, built on the founda-
tion of the saints, will be faithful to
the teaching of Christ so that it re-
flects his likeness. Lord and Fa-
ther, as you kindled the flame of
your love in the hearts of the
saints, give to us the same faith
and power of love; that, we may
benefit from their unselfish exam-
ples. Lord in your mercy: **Hear
our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for those
who represent us in government
both here and throughout the
world. May they be men and
women of integrity, guided by a
desire for public service and a
love of the truth. We ask that they
also be just and compassionate,
so that all peoples may be led in
the ways of righteousness and
mercy. Lord in your mercy: **Hear
our prayer**

Father God, make us instruments
of your peace. Where there is ha-
tred, let us sow love. Where there
is injury, pardon. Where there is
doubt, faith. Where there is des-
pair, hope. Where there is dark-
ness, light. Where there is sad-
ness, joy. May we not so much
seek to be consoled as to con-
sole, not so much to be under-
stood as to understand, not so
much to be loved as to love. For it
is in giving that we receive, it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we awake to
eternal life. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Gracious God, in the Garden of
Gethsemane you shared with
everyone who has ever been
afraid. You conquered fear with
love and returned from death itself
saying 'Do not be afraid'. In the
light of your love death has lost its
sting, and so has fear. Lord, may
your love be the key that releases
us from suffering and fear. We
pray for Robbie Robinson, Elea-
nor 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, give us the grace to
follow in the footsteps of the

saints, as they followed in the footsteps of your holy Son. Keep alive in us the memory of those dear to ourselves whom you have called to yourself, and grant that every remembrance which turns our hearts from things seen to things unseen may lead us always upwards to you until we come to our eternal rest.

We pray for those recently departed: Ken Davis, Sophie Ford

And for all those whose years' mind occur this month: Camillus Travers, Frederick Wood, Freda Ross-Thomson, Audrey Warren, Elsie Williams, Alan Vaughan, Joyce Fawcett, Paddy Turner, Niko Vaughan, John Mitham, Lynne Wood, Audrey Buss, Eddie Mole, Muriel Roberts, Elinor Michalski Leon Michalski. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer** Faithful God, we thank you for the example of all the saints and as we go from our worship into the world help us to follow in their footsteps with courage and hope determined, like them, to do your work and live the Gospel of your Son. 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 fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Hark! The sound of holy voices, chanting at the crystal sea:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord, to thee:
multitude, which none can number,
like the stars in glory stands,
clothed in white apparel, holding
palms of victory in their hands.

Patriarch and holy prophet,
who prepared the way of Christ,
king, apostle, saint, confessor,
martyr and evangelist,
saintly maiden, godly matron,
widows who have watched to prayer,
joined in holy concert, singing
to the Lord of all, are there.

They have come from tribulation,
and have washed their robes in
blood,
washed them in the blood of Jesus;

tried they were, and firm they stood;
gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;
gladly, Lord, with thee they died,
and by death to life immortal
they were born, and glorified.

Now they reign in heavenly glory,
now they walk in golden light,
now they drink, as from a river,
holy bliss and infinite;
love and peace they taste for ever,
and all truth and knowledge see
in the beatific vision
of the blessed Trinity.

God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of Light, Emmanuel,
in whose Body joined together
all the saints for ever dwell;
pour upon us of thy fullness,
that we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost adore.

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:
Andrea Higgins and Alison
Parsons**

Communion Hymn

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath your contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed;
I know not, O I know not
what joys await me there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them;

the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of those who triumph,
the song of those who feast;
and they, who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
that eager hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
to that dear land of rest,
who are, with God the Father,
and Spirit, ever blessed.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist
you have brought us near to an in-
numerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints
made perfect: as in this food of
our earthly pilgrimage we have
shared their fellowship, so may
we come to share their joy in
heaven; 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

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Notices

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.
There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much
beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally.

Now with gladness, now with
courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,

consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

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**

**The week ahead: 5th - 12th.
November**

6 Leonard, Hermit, 6th cen-
tury

6 William Temple, Archbishop
of Canterbury, Teacher of the
Faith,
1944

7 Willibrord of York, Bishop,
Apostle of Frisia, 739

8 The Saints and Martyrs of
England

9 Margery Kempe, Mystic,
c.1440

10 Leo the Great, Bishop of
Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461

11 Martin, Bishop of Tours,
c.397

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

PARISH GIVING SCHEME
(PGS) – Information packs are
available at the side of the church.
Your participation in the new
scheme is very much encour-
aged. Please speak to Mr Julian
van Kan for further information.

THE HUMAN JOURNEY - a new
small group course in the par-
ish of St. Laurence, Hawkhurst,
for November 2023 and Janu-
ary 2024

The book issued accompanies an
eight-part course which aims to
equip Christians to think biblically
and theologically about health
and to encourage better incorpo-
ration 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.

PARISH LUNCH - on Sunday No-
vember 26th 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!). Sign -upsheet at side of church.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL –
will be held on Friday 8th, Sat 9th
and Sun 10th December.