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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist

Service

24.8.2025- The Feast of St.  
Bartholomew, Apostle

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**The sidesmen today are Kate Lagden and Diana Hunt.**

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. As we gather and prepare to join in worship

together, music is played on the organ.

**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 proclaim

with every fleeting breath;

and may the music of your name

refresh my soul in death.

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**

We run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*A time of silence and self-examination is kept.*

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us\_and restore**

**us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

### **The Gloria** We sing:

***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**

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle  
Bartholomew grace truly to  
believe and to preach your  
word: grant that your Church  
may love that word which he  
believed and may faithfully  
preach and receive the same;  
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.**

**First Reading - 1 Corinthians  
4.9-15 read by Stephen  
Crowe**

For it seems to me that God  
has put us apostles on display  
at the end of the procession,  
like those condemned to die in  
the arena. We have been  
made a spectacle to the whole  
universe, to angels as well as  
to human beings. We are fools  
for Christ, but you are so wise  
in Christ! We are weak, but you  
are strong! You are honoured,  
we are dishonoured! To this  
very hour we go hungry and  
thirsty, we are in rags, we are  
brutally treated, we are  
homeless. We work hard with  
our own hands. When we are  
cursed, we bless; when we are  
persecuted, we endure it; when  
we are slandered, we answer  
kindly. We have become the  
scum of the earth, the garbage  
of the world—right up to this  
moment. I am writing this not to  
shame you but to warn you as  
my dear children. Even if you  
had ten thousand guardians in  
Christ, you do not have many

fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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

Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.  
Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

**Gospel Reading**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the  
hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of  
your love.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**

Hear the gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will

see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

### **The Reflection**

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
be Thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me,  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

**Baptisms of**      Eden  
Winchester, Ben Winchester,  
Alanna Paterson, Charlotte  
Gilbert, Rolan Wade Brian  
Elliott

O let me hear Thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,

the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul!  
O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee  
that where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend!

### **The Prayers of the Church - led by Rachel Elliott**

Encouraged by our fellowship  
with all the saints, let us make  
our prayers to the Father  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Father, your Son called men  
and women to leave the past  
behind them and to follow him  
as his disciples in the way of  
the cross. Look with mercy  
upon **those whom he calls  
today in baptism, marks with  
the cross and** makes his  
disciples within the Church...  
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our  
prayer**

We pray for Eden Winchester,  
Ben Winchester, Alanna

Paterson, Charlotte Gilbert, Rolan Wade Brian Elliott baptised today, that all things belonging to the Holy Spirit may continue to live and grow in them.

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

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs...

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

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share...

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

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among

your people the gifts of healing. We pray for

Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Val Manser, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Peter Duffy, Matt, Jill, Carol and Hannah.

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

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the

banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death...

Those recently departed: Danija Antonijevic, Gordon Connell, Janice Fenlon and Bentley Vermeulen.

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month: Carol Ann Larkin, Gillian Catherine Robinson, Olivia Mason, Cecil Bishop, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Stanley Nurney, Eric John Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, Christopher Golding, William Livermore, Eunice Botha, Gwendolen

Joan Clarkson, Gerald Abbey,  
Philip Frederick Skeet,  
Barbara Cox and Graham  
Brackstone.

Rest Eternal, grant unto them  
O Lord,

**And let light perpetual shine  
upon them**

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

Almighty God, Grant that your  
Church may faithfully hold and  
make known the faith that has  
come to us through the  
apostles, that with them and all  
your saints we may inherit the  
glories of eternal life

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

***Silence is kept***

God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, hear these  
prayers we offer you in his  
name. By the power of your  
Holy Spirit work within us and  
among us to bring your  
kingdom values into this world.  
Let your will be done so that all  
people may live only for your  
praise and glory.

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

***We keep a time of silence as  
we offer to God our own***

## ***particular prayers and petitions***

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the  
sake of your Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **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 (A collection will be  
taken during the singing of  
this hymn)**

Immortal Love for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the  
name  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it  
came  
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly  
steeps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;

in vain we search the lowest  
deeps,  
for him no depths can drown:  
But warm, sweet, tender, even  
yet  
a present help is he;  
and faith has still its Olivet,  
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless  
dress  
is by our beds of pain;  
we touch him in life's throng  
and press,  
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond  
prayers are said  
our lips of childhood frame;  
the last low whispers of our  
dead  
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,  
thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heaven.

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

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.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God

**It is right to give thanks and  
praise**

*The Vicar leads us in the  
proper preface for today, after  
which the congregation joins in  
singing together:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



*The Vicar continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until the words of acclamation:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

*The Vicar continues with the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer ending with the words:*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy

Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

**A Prayer as we join with those watching and worshipping with us on YouTube**

**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.**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your Table, O 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 thy Table. But you are the same Lord, whose property 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.

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 Distribution of Communion**

The Chalice Bearers today are **Stephen Ringer and Rachael Ringer**

### **Communion Hymn**

From heaven you came,  
helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled,  
not to be served but to serve  
and give your life that we might live.

***This is our God, the Servant King;  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***

There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will, but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' 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**

### **The Blessing**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; 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)**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
Height and depth beyond  
description,

only life in you can prove:

You are mortal life's  
dependence:

thought, speech, sight are ours  
by grace;

Yours is every hour's  
existence,

sovereign Lord of time and  
space.

Jesus Christ, the man for  
others

we, your people, make our  
prayer

help us love, as sisters,  
brothers

all whose burdens we can  
share

where your name binds us  
together

you, Lord Christ, will surely be  
where no selfishness can  
sever

there you love the world may  
see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing  
wind and flame of Pentecost  
fire our hearts afresh with  
yearning

to regain what we have lost  
may your love unite our action  
nevermore to speak alone  
God, in us, abolish faction  
God, through us, your love  
make known.

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.**

**We listen to the Organ  
Voluntary**

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## NOTICES

**Compline** - We celebrate a  
compline service on zoom  
each Wednesday at 6.00pm.  
Please feel free to join us if you  
can.

The Zoom link is: Meeting ID:  
457 244 0784      Passcode:  
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**Collection and Giving** - A  
collection will be taken during  
this service. Please remember  
to use a Gift Aid envelope if  
you are a taxpayer. Also you  
may support the work of St  
Laurence Church by donating  
at the collection box or the  
online terminal at the exit.  
Additionally you may give to St

Laurence Church via the QR  
code which can be found under  
*Welcome* tab and through a  
link under *Giving*.

**Ride and Stride** - This year  
marks the 40th anniversary of  
the annual Ride and Stride for  
Churches, raising money for  
the repair and maintenance of  
historic Kent Churches.

The event takes place on  
Saturday 13th September and  
participants are encouraged to  
cycle or walk (or run) around  
Kent, visiting participating  
churches on the way and  
getting sponsored for their  
efforts. If you are interested in  
taking part in this very  
worthwhile sponsored event,  
either by cycling, walking or  
manning our church on  
the day, please contact Felicity  
Robinson at church or on  
07871999536 for sponsorship  
forms or more details. Many  
thanks

**God, the Planet and Us** is a  
short, online, evening course  
from St Augustine's College of  
Theology, designed to help  
ordinary Christians understand  
and navigate our ecological  
and climate crisis. Find out  
more and book your place

at <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/god-the-planet-and-us/>

Tuesday evenings, 16 September to 14 October 2025, 7.30 to 9.00pm Online, so you can join wherever you are in the world.

**God, the Planet, and Us** costs just £50, with free places available for people facing economic disadvantage. The course is open to all.

**The Eco Working Group** – will be meeting on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August between 10 and 12am. Please help if you can. The work being carried out is making a great improvement to the churchyard.

### **Sale on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October –**

This is a sale in church of ***Pictures, Plants and Pretty Things***

**10am – 12 noon.** We would be pleased to receive any of the above items that you would like to donate for this sale in aid of St Laurence Church.

**The Fellowship Groups will reconvene and meet again starting in September. We will be discussing the book by Archbishop Rowan**

***Willams called BEING DISCIPLES - ESSENTIALS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. Notes summarising each of the Six Chapters of the book will be provided. It is a very good book and the course will be a great help to us on our common Christian journey.***

***If you would like to join an exciting and rewarding process lasting six sessions, please choose a group to join and put your name down. Dates and times as to when to meet will be decided by each of the respective groups. Thank you.***

### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

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**What is a Hybrid Church?**

The term hybrid church refers to a service conducted partially in person and partially online. Compared to traditional worship services, which are entirely within the church's facility, a hybrid church extends some or all of the worship service into the digital world. Whether a hybrid church service consists of sharing a recorded service on social media or is one component of a full-fledged online ministry, the model shares the worship experience with more people than those inside the church building.