



**St. Laurence Parish Church,**  
**Hawkhurst in the Diocese of**  
**Canterbury**  
**The Fourth Sunday before**  
**Advent. All Saints/All Souls**  
**- 2.11.2025**

*This church is a Hybrid Church open for public worship and private prayer. This service will be live streamed. Your image will be captured on CCTV as a participant in the liturgy. Please tell a sidesman if you do not wish to be filmed in order to be seated in a position out of the view of the camera.*

The You Tube link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@StLaurenceChurchHawkhurst>

The Sidesperson today is  
Diana Hunt

As we gather and prepare to join in worship, music is played on the organ.

Welcome

Entrance Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall,  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him you martyrs of our God,  
who witnessed to his call;  
exalt the one whose path you trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Descendants of his chosen race  
you ransomed from the Fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love cannot forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your offering at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every people, nation, tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that in heaven with that great throng,  
we at his feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

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

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

**Call upon him while he is near.**

Let the wicked abandon their ways

**And the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

**To our God who will richly pardon.**

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.**

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 eternal God, you  
have kindled the flame of love  
in the hearts of the saints: grant  
to us the same faith and power  
of love, that, as we rejoice in  
their triumphs, we may be  
sustained by their example and  
fellowship; 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 read by Rachel  
Elliott

A reading from St. Paul's letter  
to the Romans Chapter 6  
beginning at the third verse.

Brothers and sisters: Are you  
unaware that we who were  
baptised into Christ Jesus were  
baptised into his death? We  
were indeed buried with him  
through baptism into death, so  
that, just as Christ was raised  
from the dead by the glory of  
the Father, we too might live in  
newness of life.

For if we have grown into union  
with him through a death like  
his,

we shall also be united with  
him in the resurrection. We  
know that our old self was  
crucified with him, so that our  
sinful body might be done

away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### Gradual Hymn

Bless'd are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
Their heart 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.

He to the lowly soul  
Doth still 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.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**  
God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John Chapter 6, beginning at the 37th verse.

#### **Glory to Christ our Lord**

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

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

## The Reflection

### Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and  
chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.

God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his  
trust;

what with care and toil he  
buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye  
endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing  
thought:

splendour, light, and life attend  
him,

beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore

from his store

new-born worlds rise and  
adore.

## The Baptism of April and Albert Gaffuri

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we  
go.

Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

### The 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  
Father,  
God from God, Light from  
Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were  
made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was  
buried.**

**On the third day he rose  
again  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the 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,  
who with the Father and the  
Son is worshipped and  
glorified,**

**who has spoken through the  
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one  
baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection  
of the dead,  
and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the Church led  
by Anne Wheelhouse**

United in the company of all the  
faithful and looking for the  
coming of the kingdom, let us  
offer our prayers to God, the  
source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all  
Christian people by your Holy  
Spirit, that we may live as a  
royal priesthood and a holy  
nation to the praise of Jesus  
Christ our Saviour.

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

Bless Rose our bishop, Sarah  
Archbishop Designate and all  
ministers of your Church and  
our parish here in Hawkhurst  
that by faithful proclamation of

your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

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

We pray for King Charles and every member of the Royal family

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

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

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

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

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

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

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

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. We pray for Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Peter Duffy, Matt, Jill, Carol, Ellamae Coy, Dido Robson, Hannah, Chris Bodeen and Val.

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

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times. We pray for those who have died in recent days, the newly presented servant of God: Margery Ann Harris – Stonham.

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Camillus Travers, Freder-

ick 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, Stephen Roberts, Elinor Michalski, Leon Michalski, Joan Thirkell, Margaret Godden, Gill South, Carmen Bickle, William Preston, Brian Fitzpatrick, Gillian Yates, John Davis, Marjorie Fussell, Wendy Gunn, Ray Gould, Anne Pynegar, Mickey Mandell.

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

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

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

In silence we bring to the Lord our own particular prayers

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Merciful Father

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

The Peace Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn *(during this hymn a collection will be taken for the continuing work of this church locally)*

Praise the Lord: ye heavens adore him;

Praise him, angels, in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before him;

Praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;

Worlds his mighty voice obeyed:

Laws which never shall be broken



For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;

Never shall his promise fail:  
God hath made his saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;

Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;

Heaven and earth and all creation,

Laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,

Lord, we offer unto thee;

Young and old, thy praise expressing,

In glad homage bend the knee.

All the saints in heaven adore thee;

We would bow before thy throne:

As thine angels serve before thee,

So on earth thy will be done.

### 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 up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God  
**It is right to give thanks and  
praise**

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham, in Deborah, Esther and Mary, you have chosen not simply to guide the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but an example, and in every generation you call your people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and do witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes who go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise

**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.**

Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and for ever. As our earthly bodies decay and die and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread and gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me' After supper he

took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom.

Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new

heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **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.**

The Fraction

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.**

The Agnus Dei

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.**

A Prayer for those joining us on Youtube 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.**

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:  
Peggy Stone and Sue Maskell

Post Communion Hymn

O thou, who at thy Eucharist  
didst pray  
that all thy Church might be for  
ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to  
say  
with longing heart and soul,  
"thy will be done."  
O may we all one Bread, one  
Body be,

through this blest Sacrament  
of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we  
intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions  
soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to  
each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O  
Prince of Peace;  
thus may we all one Bread,  
one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament  
of unity.

We pray thee too for wander-  
ers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good  
Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints  
believed of old,  
back to the Church which still  
that faith doth keep;  
soon may we all one Bread,  
one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament  
of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sac-  
raments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy  
Church above,  
one with thy saints in one un-  
broken peace,

one with thy saints in one un-  
bounded love;  
more blessed still, in peace  
and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.

#### Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God  
is gracious

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

Lord of heaven, in this Eucha-  
rist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of  
angels and to the spirits of the  
saints made perfect: as in this  
food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellow-  
ship, so may we come to share  
their joy in heaven; through Je-  
sus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Father almighty we offer our-  
selves to you as a living sac-  
rifice in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Send us out into the  
world in the power of the  
Holy Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen**

#### Notices

##### The Blessing

May God bless you with dis-  
comfort at easy answers, half

truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

#### Dismissal

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

#### Closing Hymn

For all the saints, who from their labours rest;  
who to the world by faith their Lord confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;

you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,  
and in the darkness their unfailing light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

So may your soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, alleluia!

One holy people, fellowship divine!

we feebly struggle, they in glory shine  
in earth and heaven the saints in praise combine:

Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
faintly we hear the distant triumph-song;  
and hearts are brave again,  
and arms are strong.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west:  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest,  
the peaceful calm of paradise the blessed.

Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more

glorious day;  
the saints all-triumphant rise in  
bright array  
the king of glory passes on his  
way!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest shore  
through gates of pearl, ascend-  
ing, they adore  
the Father, Son and Spirit ev-  
ermore:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

May the divine assistance re-  
main 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.**

Retiring Organ Voluntary  
**NOTICES**

**NEXT SUNDAY is  
Remembrance Sunday.  
Services will be at 8am,  
9.30am and 11am. Please  
note change of time**

**Wednesday Eucharist** at  
Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.  
Please do join us.

**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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**Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - at  
**7:30pm** in St Laurence  
Church, the Bodiam Band are  
holding an informal 'cabaret  
style' concert with interval mu-  
sic performed by small ensem-  
bles from the band.  
They'd love to see you if you  
can make it.

**Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>** –  
King Aardvarks Big Swing  
Band concert 7pm in church.  
Put on your dancing shoes.  
Tickets £14 in advance and  
£16 on the door to include the  
first drink. Paying licenced bar  
and snacks available during  
the interval. Tickets available  
from October. See Claire or  
Liz.

**Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>** –  
Light up a Life service (Hos-  
pice in the Weald) at 3.00pm.

**Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 4pm.

**Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 4pm.

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Tree Festival 11.30– 4pm.

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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 below.



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