

[H] ST. LAURENCE CHURCH, HAWKHURST IN THE DIO- CESE OF CANTERBURY

**ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION
HARVEST FESTIVAL
5TH. OCTOBER 2025**

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The You Tube link is:

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

The sidesmen today are: Diana Ringer and Ali Jones



HYMN

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for He is kind:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze His name abroad,
for of Gods He is the God:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with
light:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He His chosen race did bless
in the wasteful wilderness:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He hath with a pious eye
looks upon our misery:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us therefore warble forth
His high majesty and worth:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Please sit

Greeting and welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Confession

As we prepare to give thanks for God's goodness, let us confess our sins.

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give justice to those who are suffering and bread to those who hunger.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you loose those who are bound and open the eyes of the blind.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land and uphold the orphan and the widow.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; 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.**

First Reading – read by Jane

Cooper

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 9 beginning at the sixth verse

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. and God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. as it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also

supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

with me exalt His name;
when in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp
around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance He affords to all
who on his succour trust.

Oh, make but trial of His love,
experience will decide
how blest they are, and only
they,
who in his truth confide.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will
then
have nothing else to fear;
make you His service your
delight,
your wants shall be his care.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
You crown the year with your
bounty, and your carts overflow
with abundance (psalm 65: 11)
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord be with you
And also with you

A reading from the Gospel
according to John 6:1-13

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men

were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to Christ our Lord

Reflection

Harvest gifts are brought to the altar during which we sing the following hymn:

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

[Refrain] - *All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.*

we thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.

You only are the maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
You light the evening star.
the winds and waves obey You,
by You the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
You give our daily bread. [refrain]

We thank you, then, creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time, and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.
[refrain]

The Creed

**Father, we adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How we love you.**

**Jesus we adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How we love you.**

**Spirit, we adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How we love you.**

Prayers led by Sandra Dreyer
We pray for all who work in the
farming, forestry and fishing industry,
for farmers foresters and
fishers, their families and communities
and all who depend on them.

For farmers who struggle to
make a living, especially those
who are tenants, and those who
have large amounts of debt to
service.

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

For those who maintain high
standards of animal husbandry,
but are undercut by unfair competition
and have undergone great suffering
over the past months, for livestock
hauliers and auctioneers, for vets and
agricultural advisers.

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

For those who are seeking to use
agro-chemicals responsibly and
adopt eco-friendly practices.

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

For farming families under
stress, for farm women, for the
National Farmers' Union and its

work in promoting locally produced food and opportunities for diversification.

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

For foresters, balancing long term investment and short term economic return, for the development of sustainable woodland and increased use of coppicing products, for the use of trees and hedges to improve the micro climate and bio-diversity.

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

For fishing communities adapting to massive change, for an end to vicious rivalry within the fishing community, for wisdom in implementing policies that will sustain and renew fish stocks while ensuring the viability of fishing businesses.

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

For restraint and fairness in the use of economic power, for discernment and a long term view in policy and decision making, for a love of creation and a high view of human stewardship

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

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, especially 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, Hannah and Chris Bodeen.

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

We pray for those recently departed: for Syd Rivers

And those whose years' mind occur this month: Kathleen Anderson, Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, Carmen Bickle, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Graham Rutherford, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Anne Felton Gerber, Dorothy Heady, Peggy Richardson, Andrew Burke-Smith, Ken Davis, Sophie Ford, Doreen Joyce Robinson, Ken Davis, Elizabeth Norton-Smith, Audrey Watson, Rosamund Johnson

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

We bring to the lord our own prayers and petitions.....

Merciful father, **accept these prayers for the same of Your Son our saviour Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

We share God's peace.
We stand to sing.

**Shalom, shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, shalom.**

Offertory Hymn

(During this hymn a collection will be taken for the continuing work of this church locally)

Praise to the lord, the almighty,
the king of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is
your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to His
temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all
things so wondrously reigning;
Sheltering you under his wings,
and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is
needful has been

sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the almighty
can do,
If with His love He befriends
you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before
Him.

Let the amen sound from His
people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

Offertory prayers

The bread we offer which symbolises
our work, becomes for us
the body of Christ. **Amen**

The wine we offer which symbolises
our leisure, becomes for us
the blood of Christ. **Amen.**

We offer to God all that we are so
we sing:

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer
now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve
You**

Is enough reward.

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now
to You.**

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 Him thanks
and praise**

**Why do we give thanks and
praise at this table?**

We give thanks for all that God
has done for us.

God the father created the heav-
ens, the earth and everything in
them; and created us in His own
image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human
like us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather
us together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to
worship this God who loves

We say:

**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.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before
Jesus our saviour suffered and
died, He gave us this holy meal
to share and told us to continue it
until He comes again.

**Why do we eat bread together
at this table?**

On the night before He died, Je-
sus took bread. After giving
thanks, He broke it, and gave it to
His disciples saying, "Take, eat.
this is my body, given for you. Do
this in remembrance of me."

**Why do we drink from the cup
together at this table?**

In the same way after supper Je-
sus took the cup, saying. "This
cup is God's new covenant

sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me”

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father’s gracious love for us, Christ’s death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit’s tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We sing:

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

Merciful father, pour out your holy spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

The Fraction

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body.

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.

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.

The Agnus Dei

A prayer for those joining us on
you tube 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.**

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 Lord's Prayer

**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 temp-
tation; but deliver us from evil.
for thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

The distribution of communion

The chalice bearers today are:
Alison Parsons and Judy Darkins

Communion hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

[refrain]:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
[refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
[refrain]

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends
above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

[refrain]

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of
Heaven: [refrain]

For thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:
[refrain]

Post-communion prayer

**God our father, as a friend at
table your son Jesus has bro-
ken for us His bread of peace
and spoken to us your word of
forgiveness. Be with us as we
go out to share your love and
peace with our family and
friends. Remake our prayer
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

May God bless you with
discomfort 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.

Please sit for the notices

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the king of
heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring.
ransomed, healed, restored, for-
given,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting king!

Praise Him for his grace and fa-
vour
To His people in distress.
Praise Him, still the same as
ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike He tends and spares
us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down be-
fore Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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.**

**WE SIT TO LISTEN TO THE ORGAN
VOLUNTARY**

NOTICES

Compline - We celebrate a com-
pline 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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WEALD DEANERY
**SYNOD Wednesday 8th Octo-
ber 2025, 7:30pm**

Open Meeting - All Are Welcome
Vestry Hall, Marden TN12 9NH
(Refreshments from 7:15pm)
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Prof Jonathan Arnold: Ex-
ecutive Director Social Justice
Network

Sale on Saturday 11th October
This is a sale in church of ***Pic-
tures, Plants and Pretty Things***
10am – 12 noon, with cake and
coffee. We would be pleased to
receive any items that you would
like to donate for this sale in aid
of Gaza and repairs to St Lau-
rence Church. If you are able to
provide a cake, please sign the
list at the back of the church.
Claire Roberts is willing to collect
donations if you contact her.

Sunday November 2nd - Parish Lunch - 2nd November 2025

Hot meal - vegetarian/vegan option available, wine/soft drinks included.

£10 per head, under 16's £5, under 10's free. Please bring own plates/cutlery etc. Sign up form on table by entrance.

Contributions of desserts welcome, please indicate.

Please also indicate if you need transport. Steve and Diana Ringer

Monday November 3rd at 7:30pm in St Laurence Church,

the Bodiam Band are holding an informal 'cabaret style' concert with interval music performed by small ensembles from the band. They'd love to see you if you can make it.

Sunday November 9th – Remembrance Service.

Saturday November 15th – King Aardvarks Big Swing Band concert 7pm in church. Put on your dancing shoes. Tickets £15 to include the first drink. Paying licenced bar and snacks available during the interval. Tickets available from October.

Saturday November 29th –

Light up a Life service (Hospice in the Weald) at 3.00pm.

Friday December 5th - Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 4pm.

Saturday December 6th -

Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 4pm.

Sunday December 7th - Christmas Tree Festival 11.30– 4pm.

Easyfundraising

St Laurence Church is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlaurence-hawkhurst/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

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 included.



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