



St. Laurence Parish Church,
Hawkhurst in the Diocese of
Canterbury
The Last Sunday after
Trinity - 26.10.2025

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 Sidesmen today are
Diana Ringer and Anne
Wheelhouse

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

Welcome

Entrance Hymn:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way that is true.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would count as your own;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience and
incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord
is his name.

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. We
confess our sins..

**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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the

comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Anne wheelhouse

A reading from St. Paul's Second letter to Timothy, Chapter four beginning at verse six.

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at

hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defence no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,

His royal harbinger.

Rise, God, judge all the Earth in might,
This wicked Earth redress;
For you are he who shall by right
The nations all possess.

The nations, all whom you have made,
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before you, Lord,
And glorify your name.

For great you are, and wonders great
By your strong hand are done:
You in your everlasting seat
Remain as God alone.

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 Luke Chapter eighteen beginning at the ninth verse

Glory to Christ our Lord

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity — greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

The Reflection

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 Jane Cooper**

Merciful God, help us when praying not to be like the

Pharisee, whose prayers were full of pride showing how good and righteous he is, but more like the humble Tax Collector ready to admit to our faults, failures and imperfections.

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

Gracious God, we pray for your church throughout the world and for all Christian people; for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service; for Sarah, Archbishop designate and Rose our Bishop for the life of this Church. We give you thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.

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

Loving God, we pray for King Charles and every member of the Royal Family. may they know your peace and your presence in their daily lives.

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

Creator God, Lord of all, we pray for peace in the world bringing before you the

troubles and dangers of people and nations, particularly Ukraine and the Middle East. Shower your blessings on communities seeking to rebuild their lives in peace and hope; guide and protect refugees fleeing from war and persecution in their homelands and direct all rulers, governments and leaders of people to strive for justice, peace and fair shares of the rich bounty of their lands.

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

Lord our God, we pray for ourselves. Give to us an eye that is willing to see meaning in things and people that are familiar and commonplace, and always to be sincerely aware of our own faults. Enable us to see likeable qualities in those we may not like, recognise the mistakes in what we thought was correct, and to understand the strength in what we choose to see as weakness.

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

Healing God, we pray for the sick and suffering and all who care for them. We pray for those for whom this day will be long and hard, for those struggling with despair or depression, for those in hospital and at home. We pray especially at this time 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.

In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

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

Living God, we remember in our prayers friends and loved ones who have enriched our lives and are now departed from us. We pray for those who have died in recent days, the newly presented servants of God: Syd Rivers and Margery Ann Harris - Stonham

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at

this time: 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, Sophie Ford, Doreen Joyce Robinson, Ken Davis, Elizabeth Norton-Smith, Audrey Watson, Rosamund Johnson.

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

In silence we bring to the Lord our own particular prayers

Bountiful God, through your grace alone we are able to offer these petitions in faith, knowing that they will be answered through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father

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

Admission Service for Ben and Alana who will receive Communion

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)*

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

Refrain:

***I need Thee, O I need Thee;
ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour,
I come to Thee.***

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
stay Thou nearby;

temptations lose their pow'r
when Thou art nigh. **[Refrain]**

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain. **[Refrain]**

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
teach me Thy will;
and Thy rich promises
in me fulfill. **[Refrain]**

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son. **[Refrain]**

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**

Storytelling God, you had too
much love within your Trinity to
keep it to yourself, and you
made a universe in which to

bring forth the earth and an earth in which to raise up a people and a people in which to come among us in your Son, that we may know your purpose to be with us in him for ever. Through patriarchs and prophets, through women of courage and kings, through the redemption of failure and the transformation of faithfulness you embodied your relentless and loving will to abide with us.

In the death and resurrection of your Son and the sending of your Spirit you turned your covenant with your people into an invitation to all the world. And so we thank and praise you, with angels and archangels, singing your song of glory.

**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.**

Inscribing God, in Jesus your Word was made flesh. In your

Scriptures that flesh was made Word. In your Church and your Kingdom, that Word is made flesh again. By the power of your Holy Spirit you bring your scriptural promises to fulfilment in your people gathered in your name today. By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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.**

Inspiring God, you give us your Scriptures for teaching, reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness and for building us up in service to you and your world. Open your children's hearts each time your church opens your Word of life. Send your Spirit upon evangelists, teachers, preachers and healers that the wind and fire of Pentecost may thrill and transform your people today.

Make your Son's disciples feel their hearts burning within them as you speak with them and they find their story in your story; until the day you draw us into your Book of Life and we are gathered between the covers of your glory, ever 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 for we all share in 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 Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now

receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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: Sandra Dreyer and Felicity Robinson

Post Communion Hymn

Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pains
poured for me the lifeblood
from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torment
did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies,
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting
lifts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood!

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God
is gracious

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

God of all grace, your Son
Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and
the word of his kingdom: renew
your people with your heavenly
grace, and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and
living bread; who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

**Father almighty we offer
ourselves to you as a living
sacrifice 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
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.**

Dismissal

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

Closing Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead
us
o'er the world's tempestuous
sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us,
feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness
o'er us:

all our weakness thou dost
know;

thou didst tread this earth
before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and

weary,
through the desert thou didst
go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion
blending,

pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned,
guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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.**

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:
5i1Uca

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 Sunday. Services at 8 am, 9.30 am and 11 am.

Saturday November 15th – 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 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.

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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.



The Weald Deanery
“Intercessory Prayer”
Workshop

Date: Saturday November 1st 2025

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Venue: Vestry Hall, High Street, Marden TN12 9HN

The session is designed for those who lead intercessions in gathered worship, or who are interested in knowing more about doing so. It touches on the theology of intercessory prayer but focuses mainly on the practical aspects of preparing, teaching, discussion and interactive activities, and is led by Lyndall Bywater and Primrose Northrop, both of

whom are passionate about the privilege and joy of leading God’s people in prayer. Please let Revd David Commander know if you wish to attend.

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