

ST LAURENCE CHURCH PARISH EUCHARIST

**3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
9TH NOVEMBER 2025
9.30AM**

Welcome to St Laurence, whether you regularly worship here or are here for the first time. If you have children, they are welcome to use the area at the back of the church under Parental supervision There are toilet facilities at the back of the church.

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 Anne Wheelhouse

INTROIT HYMN:

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry
All skilful in the wars:
There, above noise and danger,

Sweet Peace sits crown'd with
smiles,
And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend,
And—O my soul, awake!—
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of Peace
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges;
For none can thee secure
But One who never changes
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.:

WE GATHER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

*The Priest welcomes the
congregation and introduces the
theme of the Service.
(Silence is kept)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all
hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
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.**

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The Priest introduces the Prayer of Penitence

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

(Silence is kept)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We sing:

**Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.***

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading

Job 19:23-27 read by Clive Dewing

“Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
that they were inscribed with an
iron tool on a lead, or engraved in
rock forever! I know that my
redeemer lives, and that in the end
he will stand on the earth. And
after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God; I
myself will see him with my own
eyes—I, and not another. How my
heart yearns within me!

GRADUAL HYMN

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;

Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the
night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles
last
And our eternal home.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 20:27-38

We sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Welcome with meekness the
implanted word that has the power
to save your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

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

REFLECTION

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We stand to say

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

Prayers led by Robin Crowther

(Please sit/kneel)

Merciful God, your love embraces all of creation. Your realm knows nothing of the borders we draw between nations. You have taught us that every woman, man and child is our neighbour. You have commanded us to love, love, love, without thought of our own security, or glory, or gain.

Remind us that you have pronounced your blessing, not upon nations and armies, but upon the poor, and the meek, and the peace-makers.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those who have lost their lives as a result of war; Young soldiers, dispatched to far-away places, never to return and civilians, young and old, caught in the crossfire of conflict.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, bring healing to families torn apart by war. Comfort those who mourn for their loved ones.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those who have been psychologically wounded by the horrors of war who find themselves unable to live with the burden of having taken away human life. Those who dehumanise 'the enemy' in order to carry out acts of violence and find their own humanity diminished as a result.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, bring healing to hearts and minds that are broken. Reveal to us your image deep within us and within every other human life.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember the ecological cost of war; the landscapes that bear the scars of bombing, The soil and water poisoned by the chemical residue of weapons, The scorched earth churned to dust by heavy vehicles, the destroyed forest-habitats of birds and creatures and the

innocent animal lives lost amongst the ‘collateral damage’.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, bring healing to the earth. Make a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those living, now, under oppressive regimes or in the midst of violence and conflict. The millions displaced from their homes to refugee camps, the communities struggling on with their daily lives under the shadow of war fearing for their lives, and the lives of their children.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, bring healing to nations where there is unrest, inspire in us hope for a world where all can live in dignity and safety.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those who campaign for peace, who seek and encourage reconciliation, and non-violent resolutions to conflict, those bold prophets who raise their voices to declare that there can be another way.

And those who, in their lives, model the radical forgiveness that Christ himself taught and demonstrated.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, bring healing to communities; forgiveness where there is hurt, compassion where there is hatred, love where there is fear.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the sick and suffering known to us; 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.

We pray for the recently departed; Margery Ann Harris – Stonham.

We pray for those whose years; mind occurs this month: Camillus Travers, Frederick Wood, Freda Ross-Thomson, Audrey Warren, Elsie Williams, Alan Vaughan, Joyce Fawcett, Paddy Turner, Niko Vaughan, John Mitham, Lynne Wood, Audrey Buss, Eddie Mole, Muriel Roberts, 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.

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

*We stand and the Priest introduces
the peace:*

The peace of the Lord be always
with you
**And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless
wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive
heard,
Who walked upon the foaming
deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee

For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's
hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and
foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they
go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land
and sea.

*The bread and wine are placed on
the altar.*

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 our spiritual drink.

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 to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer Preface and then all sing:

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

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

(Sit/kneel)

The Priest continues, recalling and remembering with us the Last Supper..... then we sing:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:**

Christ will come again.

At the End of the next Prayer we respond Amen.

(Silence is kept)

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 temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

WE BREAK BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We sing:

**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 right-
eousness, 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, gra-
cious 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.**

WE SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the
world.

Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you, but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.**

The Chalice Bearers are: Stephen
Ringer & Rachael Ringer

HYMN DURING COMMUNION:

(Please remain seated)

The anthem today is a setting of
Psalm 133 by Leonard Bernstein –
‘Behold, how good and how pleas-
ant it is for brethren to dwell to-
gether in unity’

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'er-
flow?

Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness
know.

Hail, sacred feast which Jesus
makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly
food.

Why are its bounties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's
bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful
guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

*The Priest pronounces a Blessing.
We respond Amen*

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

Please sit for the Notices.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The day you gave us, Lord, is
ended,
the darkness falls at your request;
to you our morning hymns as-
cended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank you that your Church,
unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is
keeping
and never rests by day or night.

As over continent and island
each dawn leads to another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor do the praises die away.

So be it, Lord! Your throne shall
never,
like earth's proud empires, pass
away;
your kingdom stands and grows
forever
until there dawns your glorious
day.

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.**

Organ Voluntary

NOTICES

Next Sunday is Loaves and Fishes Sunday. Please make a contribution to the Food Bank.

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

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.

Christmas Tree Festival - Grand Hamper Raffle

During the Tree Festival we will, once again be running a raffle. The top prize will be a festive hamper. We would be grateful for donations to this – a list of suggested items is on the table by the door of the church.

If you are able to help during the festival or donate some refreshments please sign up on the sheets by the table.

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->

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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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