



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
FAMILY EUCHARIST**

Candlemas/Christingle

1st February 2026

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>

8.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

We welcome today's celebrant and
Preacher, Rev Vicki Young

Sidesmen: Ali Jones and Kate
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Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Anne Wheelhouse

Chalice: Kent Harries and Peter
Hodges

Today's Hymns are:

*646: The God of Abraham praise
(omit * verses)*

598: Jesus good

533: Now thank we all

369: Be thou my guardian

519: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and

said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

At the end of the service as the Altar Party and Choir depart, please sit and enjoy the Organ Voluntary.

We pray for the sick:

Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Matt, Jill, Carol, Dido Robson, Hannah, Chris Bodeen, Val, Jane and Jeremy, Keith Brown, Val Manser, Chris Bell, and Rebekah Mary.

We pray for those whose years mind occurs at this time:

(their names are also displayed on the altar in the Warrior Chapel).

William Crouch, Michael French, Charles Bladon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jane Coleman, Michael Buss, Albert Collins, Victor Botha, Joan Maskell, Brian Kingcome, Martin Chubb, Desna Harries, Christobel Van der Hoeven, Leslie Corfield, Marjorie Addyman, Norman Sheldon, Christian Solari, Margaret Skeet, Doris Ringer, Jean King, David Weeks, Betty Hazel, Arthur Jeffery, Barney Underwood, Gillian Spurgeon, Dylan Craddock, Peter Close.

NOTICES

Wednesday Morning Prayer

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

Compline - Wednesday at 6.00pm on Zoom. Please feel free to join us if you can. The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 880 4785 4233

Passcode: 798527

Easyfundraising

Please sign up to support us at:

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

Collection and Giving - A collection will be taken during this service. Please use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer. You may support our work by donating through the online terminal at the exit. Additionally you may give to St Laurence Church via the QR code below.



Parish Giving Scheme

St. Laurence is also a member of the Parish Giving Scheme. This enables you to give to St. Laurence monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit. Please go to www.parishgiving.org.uk for more details. This also allows your donations to be increased by Gift Aid adding 25% to the amount St. Laurence receives.

Meeting for Servers – on Sunday 15th February after the 10am service. This will be in the Warrior Chapel.

St Laurence 100 Club

The 100 Club has now been running since 2013. During that time it has raised £3,785 for St Laurence's. If all 100 shares were sold each year, then a profit of over £500 could be made. In recent years the number of shares sold have been reducing so that the amount raised each year has been falling. In 2025 that amount was only £200. For £10 a year you have the chance each month to win a prize of either £20, £10 or £5 knowing that all the time you are helping to support the church. If you have supported the 100 Club in the past, please consider rejoining or if you haven't joined previously, please think about doing so now. Application forms are available from the treasurer, Alison Parsons. The first draw of the year will take place on 1st February 2026

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

8th February:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Jean Elliott

Reader: Clive Dewing

Intercessions: Robin Crowther

Chalice: Peggy Stone and Felicity Robinson

15th February:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

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22nd February:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Stephen Hardy and Rev Lesley Hardy

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader

Mr. Stephen Ringer: 01580 879710

Authorised Lay Minister

Dr. Julie Hammonds: 07587 470678

Churchwardens

Claire Roberts: 01580 754374

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Dr. Charlotte O'Neill:

01580 753817

Organist:

Mr. Richard O'Neill:

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