



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

The First Sunday of Epiphany –

The Baptism of Christ -

11th January 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 Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

We welcome today's celebrant and
Preacher, the Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesman: Anne Wheelhouse

Reader: Julie Hammonds

Intercessions: Robin Crowther

Chalice: Felicity Robinson and
Lydeke Klein

Today's Hymns are:

*615: From the Eastern Mountains vv
1-5*

56: Eternal Glory of the Sky

407: Immortal, invisible

320: My God and is

47: Songs of thankfulness

The First Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

“I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-end.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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, Keith Brown, Chris Bodeen, Val, Jane and Jeremy, Val Manser, Chris Bell, and Rebekah Mary.

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

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

Jack Travers, Evelyn Waghorn, Eleftheria Corfield, William Butler, Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson,

Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer, Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert French, Rosaline Beeny, William Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoline Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds, Kathleen Wood, Sheila Maugham, Sylvia Smith, Prudence Bilsby, Carole Williamson, Jean French, Laurence Wield, Michael Haggard, Ronald Martin, Shirley Ferguson, Penny Tweedie, Richard Phillips, Colin Attwood, Fred Bull, Nancy Watson, Victor Potter, Amanda Guile, Patrick Roberts, Beth Ingram-Cordrey, Leila Wood, Clifford Winteringham, Ken Weatherley, Janet Chitham, Michael Barrass, Colin Norton-Smith, Beverly Chard.

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

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 receive.

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Next Sunday

The Eucharist will be celebrated in the Celtic style. We will also be collecting for the food bank. Please place your food donations in the red

box under the table at the back of the church.

Thank you

The Flower Ladies deserve a very big 'thank you' for creating the most wonderful Christmas displays. We are so grateful for your talent, time and dedication.

Thank you

The Churchwardens would like to thank everyone who contributed in many ways to make the Christmas celebrations very special.

January Services:

18th January:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev Vicki Young

10.00am Eucharist

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev Vicki Young

Sidesman: Diana Hunt

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Norma Crowe

Chalice: Julie Hammonds and Kwame Appiah-Pepurah

25th January:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Stephen Hardy, the Rev Lesley Hardy

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Vicar

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader

Mr. Stephen Ringer: 01580 879710

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Dr. Julie Hammonds: 07587 470678

Churchwardens

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