



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH**  
**THE PARISH EUCHARIST**  
**The Conversion of Paul**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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The You Tube link is:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@StLaurenceChurchHawkhurst>

**8.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)**

Led By Stephen Ringer

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

We welcome today's celebrant and  
Preacher, Rev Stephen Hardy and  
Rev Lesley Hardy

Sidesman: Kate Lagden

Reader: Rachel Elliott

Intercessions: Anne Wheelhouse

Chalice: Kent Harries and Peter  
Hodges

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Today's Hymns are:

53: *The winged herald of the day*

532: *Let us with*

301: *Alleluya sing to Jesus*

308: *Father see thy children*

431: *Light's abode*

***The Collect***

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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.**

***The First Reading:***

*Acts 9:1-22*

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got

up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up

and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

### ***The Gospel Reading***

#### ***Matthew 19:27-30***

Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

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

### **We pray for the recently departed:**

Mary Alice

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

(their names are also 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 Haggart, 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

#### **Easyfundraising**

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**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](http://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.

### **Forthcoming Services:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> February:**

**8.00am BCP Eucharist**

**10.00am Eucharist**

Rev Vicki Young

Sidesman: Ali Jones and Kate

Lagden

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Anne Wheelhouse

Chalice: Kent Harries and Peter

Hodges

#### **8<sup>th</sup> February:**

**8.00am BCP Eucharist**

**10.00am Eucharist**

Rev Judy Darkins

#### **15<sup>th</sup> February:**

**8.00am BCP Morning Prayer**

Led by Stephen Ringer

**10.00am Eucharist**

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### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

#### **Vicar**

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

#### **Licensed Parish Reader**

Mr. Stephen Ringer: 01580 879710

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