



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Second Sunday of Lent
1st March 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

Celebrant and Preacher:

Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana Ringer

Reader: Claire Roberts

Intercessions: Rachel Elliott

Chalice: Alison Parsons and Norma Crowe

Today's Hymns are:

420: Jesus shall reign

77: Lord Jesus think on me

78: Lord teach us how to pray aright

326: Of the glorious

437: Love divine

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Gospel Reading

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus

answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but

may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

At the end of the service as the Altar Party and Choir depart, please 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, Val Manser, Chris Bell, Rebekah Mary, Keith Brown and Rod Simpson.

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

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

Norma Fogarty, Spencer Charles Edwards, Francis Ann Vaughan, Douglas Brown, Kathryn Louise Bembridge, Brian Louis Piper, William Bennett, Joseph William Ringer, Mandy Jones, Kitty Weguelin, William David Potter, Freda Mary Griffin, Michael William Raymond Corp, Peter Lewis, Winifred Richard, Brian Lawrence, Lily Collins, Gillian Appelbe, Claire Newland, Jean M.M. Hill, Hilary Deller, David Gosnold, Roy Bryant.

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

Friday 6th March is World Day of Prayer. This service has been written by Christian Women in Nigeria and will be hosted in, and presented by, St Laurence Church.
Service in St Laurence at 11.30am Followed by a light lunch in the church.

Lent Lunches

These will all be held in the Baptist Church hall 12.00 to 1.30pm
Hosted as follows:
March 13th – St Barnabas’
March 20th – St Laurence’s
March 27th – Hawkhurst Baptist Church
April 3rd – All Churches
Please see sign-up list at back of church for helpers and donations of food.

Easyfundraising

St Laurence Church is registered with 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 Donations can be increased by Gift Aid, adding 25%.

Forthcoming Services:

Fridays 13th, 20th & 27th March
10.00am Stations of the Cross & Lenten Prayers

Led by Julie Hammonds and
Claire Roberts

8th March:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Stephen Hardy and Rev Lesley
Hardy

Sidesmen: Judy Darkins and Jean
Elliott

Reader: Julie Hammonds

Intercessions: Jane Cooper

15th March:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Dr Julie Hammonds

10.00am Eucharist

Bishop David Bannerman

22nd March:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Dr Julie Hammonds

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Stephen Hardy and Rev Lesley
Hardy

29th March Palm Sunday:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar

The Benefice is currently in
vacancy.

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AND LEAVE THE WHITE
ORDER OF SERVICE IN
CHURCH.**