

**Second Sunday before
Lent**

8th 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:
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**8.00am Morning Prayer
(BCP)**

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

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Sidesmen:

Diana Hunt and Jean Elliott

Reader:

Clive Dewing

Intercessions:

Robin Crowther

Chalice:

Peggy Stone and Felicity
Robinson

Today's Hymns are:

512: *When morning*

436: *Lord thy word*

268: *God that madest*

269: *O gladsome light*

517: *Ye Holy angels bright*

The Collect

Almighty God, you have
created the heavens and the
earth and made us in your
own image: teach us to
discern your hand in all your
works and your likeness in
all your children; through
Jesus Christ your Son our

Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the

dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be

lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.

And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Gospel Reading
Matthew 6.25-end

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single

hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

William Crouch, Michael French, Charles Bladon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jane Coleman, Michael Buss, Albert Collins, Victor Botha,

Joan Maskell, Brian King-
come, 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
Cradduck, Peter Close.

NOTICES

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 re-
ducing 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 con-
sider rejoining or if you ha-
ven't joined previously,
please think about doing so
now. Application forms are
available from the treasurer,
Alison Parsons. The first
draw of the year took place
on 1st February 2026

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

Wednesday Morning Prayer

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

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 or 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. 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:

15th February:

8.00am BCP Morning

Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

TBC

18th February:

Ash Wednesday

7.00pm Eucharist with imposition of ashes

Rev Judy Darkins

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

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We would love you to stay for coffee or tea and biscuits at the back of the church.