



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
1st Sunday of Lent
22nd 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)

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Stephen Hardy

Preacher: Rev Lesley Hardy

Sidesmen: Ali Jones and Anne Wheelhouse

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Norma Crowe

Chalice: Julie Hammonds and Felicity Robinson

Today's Hymns are:

73: Forty days and forty nights

69: O Jesus Christ

380: Come ye faithful

309: For the beauty

394: God moves

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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:

Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised

dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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, 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 the recently departed:

Matt Dawes

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 Cradduck, Peter Close.



NOTICES

Wednesday Eucharist

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

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%.

PLEASE NOTE: Save the date!

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. A light lunch will also be included.

The service will commence at 11.30 and the lunch will follow.

Forthcoming Services:

Friday 27th February

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

Led by Julie Hammonds and Claire Roberts

1st March:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana

Ringer

Reader: Claire Roberts

Intercessions: Rachel Elliott

Chalice: Alison Parsons and Norma

Crowe

8th March:

8.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Stephen Hardy and Rev Lesley
Hardy

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:

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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IN CHURCH.**