



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Passiontide**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> 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 BCP Morning Prayer**

Led by Dr Julie Hammonds

**10.00am Eucharist**

Revs Stephen and Lesley Hardy  
Sidesmen: Anne Wheelhouse and Diana Hunt.  
Reader: Jane Cooper  
Intercessions: Julie Hammonds  
Chalice: Judy Darkins and Claire Roberts

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Today's Hymns are:

*407: Immortal, invisible*  
*69: O Jesus Christ*  
*426: Lead us heavenly Father*  
*302: And now O Father*  
*477: Rock of Ages*

***The Collect***

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 8.6-11***

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

***The Gospel Reading John 11.1-45***

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer

in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the

resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the

glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

### **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 the recently departed:**

Rosemary Mayhew

### **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, Frances 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**

### **Easter Lilies**

We will again be offering you the opportunity to buy a lily in memory of a loved one. Each lily will cost £5.00 per stem. If you would like to buy a lily please either write a cheque payable to St Laurence Church Flower Fund or put cash in an envelope and deliver it by hand to Sam Cornish at Little Bokes, Horns Hill Hawkhurst, or give it to Clare Roberts or Liz Hatcher.

Please ensure you provide the name of the person in whose memory you are buying the lily, your name and how much you are paying for the lily.

The last date for ordering a lily is

**TODAY Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

### **Lent Lunches**

These will all be held in the Baptist Church hall 12.00 to 1.30pm

Hosted as follows:

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Hawkhurst Baptist Church

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – All Churches

If you are able to contribute by donation of food and / or time, please could you sign the list (on the table at the back of the church) indicating what you are able to offer by way of:

Soup, Cheese, bread, butter, fruit.

### **Diocesan Service of Welcome for New**

**Archbishop** - Saturday 28 March 2026 |

Canterbury Cathedral

5.30 to 6.30pm. This service will be livestreamed on the Canterbury Cathedral YouTube channel. The link will be

published on the Diocese of Canterbury website in due course.

### **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

### **Forthcoming Services:**

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **10.00am Stations of the Cross & Lenten Prayers**

Led by Julie Hammonds and  
Claire Roberts

#### **29<sup>th</sup> March:**

#### **8.00am BCP Morning Prayer**

Led by Stephen Ringer

#### **10.00am Eucharist**

Rev Sue Starkings

Sidesmen: Diana Ringer and Ali Jones

Reader: Claire Roberts

Intercessions: Robin Crowther

Chalice: Sue Maskell and Peggy Stone

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday:**

#### **6.00pm Eucharist**

Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of  
Dover

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday:**

#### **9.30am Eucharist**

Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of  
Dover

#### **11.30am Procession of Witnesses**

Starting at St. Barnabas Catholic  
Church.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday:**

#### **10.00am Family Eucharist**

Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of  
Dover.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no 8 am  
service on easter Day.

#### **Letter from Lynn**

A big thank you for all your hard work on Saturday. Thanks to your efforts we now have hundreds of snowdrops planted along the main path and a wildflower mat has been installed along the path that leads to the War Graves. A Buddleia was also planted to attract butterflies, and two more areas have been set up to prepare for more wildflowers.

Our next meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 11th of April. The usual supply of refreshments will be available. If anyone has spotted a self-seeded Buddleia in their garden that they don't want, we would be happy to give it a new home. We hope to do more "tidying" and also build another compost heap. More news nearer the time depending on what nature has sent us!!

**Thank you to the Flower Ladies for providing flowers for the ladies last week on Mothering Sunday. It was greatly appreciated by everyone.**