



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday of Easter
26th April 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 Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Bishop David Bannerman

Sidesmen: Anne Wheelhouse and Kate

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Reader: Clive Dewing

Intercessions: Jane Cooper

Chalice: Lydeke Klein and Alison

Parsons

Today's Hymns are:

257: *Awake my soul, pt1 & doxology*

426: *Lead us Heavenly Father*

577: *O Jesus I have promised*

301: *Alleluia sing to Jesus*

364: *All hail the power, omit * verses*

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may

seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading:

Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

As we came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Gospel Reading

John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the

sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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, Duncan Robinson

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

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

Thomas William Barker, Olive Fitzpatrick, Brenda Bladon, Jimmy Dunlop, Edwin Manser, Roger Smith, Richard Hunt, Eileen Sheldon, Lydia

Harttrup, Dick Howarth, Elijah Towner, Sheila Radford, Rebecca Barker, Thomas Heady, Elsie Dodson, John Roberts, Anna Towner, Winifred French, Roy Anthony Melham, David Colquhoun, Judy Scanlan, Thelma Mahon, Eileen Burnett.

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 - 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 overleaf.



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%.

Thank you – to everyone who attended the two meetings this week about a new Vicar for St Laurence Church.

ALSO - £150 was raised for church funds from the sale of cakes last weekend. Thank you to all who baked and to those who bought cakes.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK starts on Saturday 9th May.

Would you like to join in the **FREEDOM WALK London 2026** to end Global Poverty?
Starts 12 noon St Martin-in-the-Fields and ends at St Paul's Cathedral for Evensong.
See posters for more details or speak to Norma Crowe.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENT AT DUNK'S HALL Friday 15 May 10.00 -12.00 Fundraising Coffee morning Everyone welcome; please join us refreshments and home-made cakes, display about Christian Aid.

HAWKHURST VILLAGE FETE
6TH JUNE 2006

St Laurence will be running the **Refreshment Stall** at the Village Fete. Lists will be placed in church for those able to volunteer, either for making cakes or helping to run the stall on the day. The refreshments will run from 12 to 4.30, but we would only ask volunteers to be available for a one hour stint. Please help if you are able – proceeds will go towards much needed funds for St. Laurence.

The choir would also like donations for the **Bottle Tombola** on 6th June at the Village fete please.
Contact Stephen Ringer or leave at the back of the church.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

3rd May:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Vicki Young

Sidesmen: Judy Darkins and Jean Elliott

Reader: Rachel Elliott

Intercessions: Anne Wheelhouse

Chalice: Claire Roberts and Peggy

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10th May:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

To be followed by the APCM

And then by:

PARISH LUNCH 12.30pm

In church.

Hot meal with vegan option.

Wine/Soft Drink included.

£10 over 16, £5 10 – 16, under 10 free.

Please bring own plates/cutlery

Donations of desserts welcome.

17th May:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Vicki Young

24th May:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Bishop David Bannerman

31st May:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Canon Paul Millar

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader

Mr. Stephen Ringer: 01580 879710

Authorised Lay Minister

Dr. Julie Hammonds: 07587 470678

Churchwardens

Claire Roberts: 01580 754374

Liz Hatcher: 01580 712099

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Lydeke Klein: 01580 493732

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Safeguarding:

Mrs Jane Cooper: 07825 044877

Choirmaster and Organist:

Dr. Charlotte O'Neill:

01580 753817

Organist:

Mr. Richard O'Neill:

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LEAVE THE WHITE ORDER OF
SERVICE IN CHURCH.**