



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Fifth Sunday of Easter
3rd May 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 Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist**

Rev Vicki Young

Sidesmen: Judy Darkins and Jean Elliott

Reader: Rachel Elliott

Intercessions: Anne Wheelhouse

Chalice: Rachael Ringer and Peggy

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Today's Hymns are:

260: *New every morning, omit * verses*

598: *Jesus good above all other*

638: *Jerusalem my happy home v1-4*

309: *For the beauty, omit * verses*

646: *The God of Abraham Praise*

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 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

The Gospel Reading

John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How

can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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, Rod Simpson and 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).

Simon Edwards, David Cutmore, Stella Keaney, Alfred Scrivener, Anthony Smith, Sheila Pope, Thomas Weguelin, Henry Husey, Joscelyn Thompson, Grace Parsons, Albert Richard, Mark Webber, Heather Murphy, David Wood, Robert Botha, Vera Boulton, Ione McEwen, Sylvia Parkinson, David Barter, Barbara Barter, Les Dickson, David Axford, Peter Hunt, Tim Davis.

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

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%.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Next 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.

MAY CONCERT on Sunday May 24th (PENTECOST) at 3 pm in St Laurence Church



PLEASE TAKE THE YELLOW NOTICES HOME WITH YOU AND LEAVE THE WHITE ORDER OF SERVICE IN CHURCH.

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:

10th May:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Kate Lagden and Jean Elliott

Reader: Bob Ash

Intercessions: Robin Crowther

Chalice: Peter Hodges and Kent Harries

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, u-10 free.

Please bring own plates/cutlery

Donations of desserts welcome.

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 14th

May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Led by Stephen Ringer

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

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