



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

2nd August 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

Revs Stephen and Lesley Hardy

Sidesmen: Ali Jones

Reader: Bob Ash

Intercessions: Anne Wheelhouse

Chalice: Peter Hodges and Kent

Harries

Today's Hymns are:

548: *God is working his purpose out*

414: *Jesu lover of my soul*

574: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

397: *Guide me, O thou great*

362: *A safe stronghold*

Please note that we are using the virtual organ this morning.

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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:

Isaiah 55.1-5

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread, and your
labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you
do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall

run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the
Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

We pray for the sick:

Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Jill, Carol, Dido Robson, Hannah, Val, Chris Bodeen, Val Manser, Chris Bell, Keith Brown and Tim Coombs.

We pray for the recently departed:

Sheila Smith, 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).

Carol Ann Larkin, Gillian Catherine Robinson, Olivia Mason, Cecil Bishop, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Stanley Nurney, Eric John Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, Eunice Botha, Christopher Golding, William Livermore, Eunice Botha, Gwendolen Joan Clarkson, Gerald Abbey, Philip Frederick Skeet, Barbara Cox, Graham Brackstone, Gordon Connell, Janice Fenlon, Bentley Vermeulen.

NOTICES

Wednesday Morning Prayer

at Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.

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.

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 the QR code below.



Monthly Prayers

At the recent PCC meeting it was agreed to suspend the prayers issued every month until the parish has a new vicar.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Churchyard Party 15th August

A message from Lynn Mansell: Our next meeting will be on Saturday 15th of August, and I will try and organise cooler weather than for our last meet up!

Sunday August 9th our Patronal Festival

The Social Committee are organizing a celebratory picnic lunch. Tickets are available on Sundays. £12.50 per adult and under 12's at £5. The picnic starts at 12.30 and there will be a paying bar.

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride or sponsor the participants. Details will be available soon.

Sunday 13th September

Parish Lunch 12.30pm

In church. Hot meal (choice of beef or chicken) 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.

Saturday September 26th

Pre – Loved Clothes Sale.

The sale will be in church during the morning. Please decide on clothes you could offer for the sale. More details will follow in due course.

Forthcoming Services:

9th August:

St Laurence Festival

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Nicky Harvey

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana Ringer

Reader: Rachael Elliott

Intercessions: Robin Crowther

Chalice: Felicity Robinson and Sue Maskell

Claire Roberts: 01580 754374
Liz Hatcher: 01580 712099

16th August:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

23rd August:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

30th August:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Richard Williams

6th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Canon Paul Miller

Assistants

Lydeke Klein: 01580 493732

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Mrs Jane Cooper: 07825 044877

Choirmaster and Organist:

Dr. Charlotte O'Neill:

01580 753817

Organist:

Mr. Richard O'Neill:

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NOTICES HOME WITH YOU
AND LEAVE THE WHITE
ORDER OF SERVICE IN
CHURCH.**

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