



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Fifth Sunday after Trinity
5th July 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'd Canon Peter Moger,
Sub Dean of Christ Church Oxford, our
patrons.

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana
Ringer

Reader: Jane Cooper

Intercessions: Claire Roberts

Chalice: Felicity Robinson and Judy
Darkins

Today's Hymns are:

545: *Thy hand O God*

553: *Thou whose almighty word*

532: *Let us with a glad some mind*

319: *Lord enthroned in heavenly
splendour*

536: *Praise to the Lord. Omit * verses*

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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:

Rosalind Abraham

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

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

Harry Harttrup, Frank Collins, Raymond Dreyer, Margaret Follington, Mary Porter, George Williams, Grace Dreyer, Constance Jeffery, Bidy Woods, Gloria Cox, Bill West, Rosemary Whittome, Philip Warner, Eileen Cooper, Louisa Shilling, Alfred Mills, Reginald Wheelhouse, John Ades, Danija Antonijevic.

Sunday July 19th is the next Loaves and Fishes Sunday.

Please bring food for the local foodbank. There will be a red box under the table at the back of the church.

Please help with the raffle prizes for the Strawberry Tea on Saturday July 18th by donating a raffle prize or some items to fill the first prize which is a delicious food hamper.

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.



A PCC Meeting will be held today at midday in the church. This meeting is to inform the Patron about the parish, prior to advertising for a new vicar.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday July 18th

2.30 -5.00pm at St Laurence Church

Relax and enjoy a strawberry tea to the music of the Aardvarks Big Band.

There will be a raffle and paying bar. No entry fee but please donate generously to support upgrading the church heating. (Gifts for the raffle would be much appreciated. We would welcome gifts of luxury food so that we can make a hamper). Please give to Claire or Liz.

Sunday August 9th our

Patronal Festival

The Social Committee are organizing a celebratory picnic lunch. Details and price will follow for booking tickets.

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride or sponsor the participants.

Sunday 13th September

The next parish lunch will be held in church. Save the date! Details to follow.

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:

12th July:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Bishop David Bannerman

Sidesmen: Kate Lagden and Ali Jones

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Norma Crowe

Chalice: Julie Hammonds and Peter

Wylie

19th July:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Revs Stephen and Lesley Hardy

26th July:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

2nd August:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Revs Stephen and Lesley Hardy

9th August:

St Laurence Festival

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Nicky Harvey

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

Assistants

Lydeke Klein: 01580 493732

Ali Jones: 01580 755705

Safeguarding:

Mrs Jane Cooper: 07825 044877

Choirmaster and Organist:

Dr. Charlotte O'Neill:

01580 753817

Organist:

Mr. Richard O'Neill:

01580 753817

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