



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
12th 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 Matins
 Led by Stephen Ringer
10.00am Eucharist
 Bishop David Bannerman

Sidesmen: Kate Lagden and Ali Jones
 Reader: Stephen Crowe
 Intercessions: Norma Crowe
 Chalice: Peggy Stone and Peter Wyllie

Today's Hymns are:
 375: *City of God*
 459: *O love how deep*
 504: *Thy kingdom come*
 306: *Deck thyself my soul*
 587: *All things bright and beautiful*

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what

was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

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.

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.



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. Tickets are available from today. £12.50 a head and £5 each for under 12's. Paying bar available.

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:

19th July:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Revs Stephen and Lesley Hardy

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana Ringer

Reader: Anne Wheelhouse

Intercessions: Stephen Ringer

Chalice: Lydeke Klein and Alison Parsons

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

16th August:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkins

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:
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SERVICE IN CHURCH.**