



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
26th 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 Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Anne Wheelhouse and Diana Ringer

Reader: Claire Roberts

Intercessions: Rachel Elliott

Chalice: Stephen Ringer and Rachel Ringer

Today's Hymns are:

420: *Jesus shall reign*

78: *Lord teach us*

47: *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

126: *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

198: *Hark the sound*

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

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the

ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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:

Romans 8.26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,

who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and

caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

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, David Farrow

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, Biddy 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

Thursday July 30th -The Welsh College Society of Bellringers will be ringing the St Laurence bells from 3.30 to 4.15.

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.

Churchyard Party – a message from Lynn Mansell: Thank you to all those who braved the heat on Saturday, it was also so lovely to see young people working so hard, we got an amazing amount done.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 15th of August, and I will try and organise cooler weather for our next meet up!

The strawberry tea and music by the Aardvarks Big Band was a success. The afternoon was extremely busy and the

strawberries, scones, cream, jam and cakes were very much enjoyed. We raised £1,000 for the church heating repairs. Thank you to all the helpers and to all our supporters.

Forthcoming Services:

2nd August:

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

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 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

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader

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