



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
PATRONAL FESTIVAL
St Laurence, deacon, martyr
9th 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

Rev Nicky Harvey

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana Ringer
Reader: Rachael Elliott
Intercessions: Robin Crowther
Chalice: Felicity Robinson and Sue Maskell

Today's Hymns are:

288: *The summer days*
641: *For all the saints: omit * verses*
484: *Take up thy cross*
300: *According to his gracious word*
545: *Thy hand O God: omit * verses*

The Collect

Almighty God, who made Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church:

fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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:

2 Corinthians 9.6-10

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10.16-22

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of

me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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, Tim Coombs and Jeremy.

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, Gerald Abbey, Barbara Cox, Gwendolen Joan Clarkson, Philip Frederick Skeet, 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.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Churchyard Party – 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!

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:

16th August:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

Sidesmen: Alison Mitham and Anne Wheelhouse

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Norma Crowe

Chalice: Claire Roberts and Alison Parsons

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

13th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

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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LEAVE THE WHITE ORDER OF
SERVICE IN CHURCH.**

Message From the Archdeacons

Dear Colleagues,

Many of you will be aware that the Church of England has been undertaking a programme of audits of their safeguarding practices in Diocese and Cathedrals and in November 2026 Canterbury's audit will take place.

We are now in the phase where a wide selection of people are being invited to complete a survey in preparation for the audit. We are keen to make sure that this is widely shared so as to get the widest possible engagement with the survey.

We would be grateful if you could support our audit by:

Completing the surveys found using this link – the auditors want to hear from everyone in the diocese no matter their participation in parish life. <https://inege.com/churchofengland/canterbury/> .

More information can be found on our website [Safeguarding Audit 2026 - Diocese of Canterbury](#)