



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
16th 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 Sue Starkings

Sidesmen: Alison Mitham and Anne Wheelhouse

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Norma Crowe

Chalice: Claire Roberts and Alison Parsons

Today's Hymns are:

407: *Immortal Invisible*

568: *Daily daily: verses 1-4 only*

502: *Through all the changing scenes*

316: *Just as I am*

577: *O Jesus I have promised*

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your

gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 56.1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 15.10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly

Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

We pray for the sick:

Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, 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, Eve Wilkinson, Jill Gomez

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, Christopher Golding, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Barbara Cox, Gwendolen Joan Clarkson, Philip Frederick Skeet, Graham Brackstone, Gordon Connell, Janice Fenlon, Bentley Vermeulen.

PLEASE TAKE THE YELLOW NOTICES HOME WITH YOU AND LEAVE THE WHITE ORDER OF SERVICE IN CHURCH.

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.



Thank you Social Committee for organising a lovely lunch last Sunday to celebrate the Patronal festival. In addition, the sum of £400 was raised for church funds.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride – would people like to ride, walk or volunteer to man the church to welcome visitors to St Laurence Church? There is a list at the back of the church. For any questions, please speak to Felicity Robinson.

Sunday 13th September

Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Sign up sheet on table by door.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You are warmly invited to a Corporate Communion at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford on the evening of Wednesday 30 September. The service will be preceded by tea and a talk by the Reverend Canon Professor William Whyte, Professor of Social and Architectural History, and will be followed by dinner in the Great Hall. Christ Church holds the right of presentation for some eighty livings

across the country and is extending an invitation to the congregations of them all for an evening of collective worship, fellowship and hospitality. There will be a small charge of £17.50 towards the cost of dinner but the afternoon and evening are otherwise free of charge. **Claire Roberts** is kindly liaising with Christ Church. The deadline for booking is Sunday 6 September.

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

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Safeguarding:

Mrs Jane Cooper: 07825 044877

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Dr. Charlotte O'Neill:

01580 753817

Organist:

Mr. Richard O'Neill:

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Forthcoming Services:

23rd August:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Ali Jones and Diana Hunt

Reader: Clive Dewing

Intercessions: Peter Wyllie

Chalice: Nana Twumampofa and

Kwame Appiah-Peprah

30th August:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Richard Williams

6th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Canon Paul Miller

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