



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST**

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

23rd 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 Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Ali Jones and Diana Hunt

Reader: Clive Dewing

Intercessions: Peter Wyllie

Chalice: Nana Twumampofu and

KwameAppiah-Pepurah

Today's Hymns are:

*646: The God of Abraham Praise omit * verses*

504: Thy kingdom come

301: Alleluia sing to Jesus

320: My God and is Thy table spread

548: God is working his purpose out

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is

afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51.1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the

earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

We pray for the sick:

Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Carol, Dido Robson, Hannah, Val, Val Manser, Chris Bell, Keith Brown and Tim Coombs.

We pray for the recently departed:

Sheila Smith, Duncan Robinson, Eve Wilkinson, Jill Gomez. Chris Bodeen.

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 Eucharist

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 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.

Message from Lynn Mansell

Dear All,

A big, big thank you to all those who braved the heat to help on Saturday.

We really are making progress and it is hard to believe now that there used to be brambles higher than me covering the area.

We are planning our next meeting for the 12th of September at 10.00am, so please save the date.

Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it on what will surely be a cooler day! Best Wishes.

Forthcoming Services:

30th August:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Richard Williams

Sidesmen: Judy Darkins and Jean Elliott

Reader: Claire Roberts

Intercessions: Rachel Elliott

Chalice: Stephen Ringer and Peter
Wyllie

6th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Canon Paul Miller

13th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

20th September

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

27th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Vicki Young

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

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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.**