



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
30th 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 Richard Williams

Sidesmen: Judy Darkins and Jean Elliott

Reader: Claire Roberts

Intercessions: Rachel Elliott

Chalice: Stephen Ringer and Peter Wyllie

Today's Hymns are:

364: All hail the power

383: Dear Lord and Father

370: Blest are the pure in heart

324: O thou who at the Eucharist

485: Teach me my God and King

The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably

with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will

it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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, Val Manser, Chris Bell, Keith Brown, Jeremy and Tim Coombs.

We pray for the recently departed:

Sheila Smith, Duncan Robinson, Eve Wilkinson, Jill Gomez and 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,

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

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/Vintage Clothes Sale and Baby Paraphernalia

The sale will be in church from 10
to 2 pm. We welcome all good
condition clothes which can be left
in church from Sunday 20th
September. Tea, coffee and cake
will also be on sale.

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.

Saturday 12th December
Bodiam Concert Band Festive
Concert at St Laurence

Saturday 3rd October
Harvest Supper and Quiz Night

Tickets are on sale from today at a cost of £12.50 per head. The doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

There will be a raffle and paying bar.

Saturday 28th November
Christmas Fair at St Laurence

Saturday 5th December
Light up a Life Service at 3pm

Forthcoming Services:

6th September:

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

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Sidesmen: Diana Ringer and

Alison Mitham

Reader: Anne Wheelhouse

Intercessions: Jane Cooper

Chalice: Julie Hammonds and

Peggy Stone

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

4th October:

Harvest Festival

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Judy Darkins

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

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:
01580 753817



ECO CONFERENCE 2026 **Think Global, Act Local**

What could your church achieve with one new idea, one useful connection or one practical next step?

Think Global, Act Local: Eco Conference 2026 will bring churches from Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses together to explore how local action can contribute to positive change around the world.

The morning will feature environmentalist and theologian Dr Ruth Valerio and Peter Kettle from the Poverty and Hope Appeal. Attendees can choose two practical workshops covering sustainable floristry, ethical church hospitality, reducing energy use, and caring for churchyards and green spaces. Young people from Canterbury Diocese will also lead an interactive exploration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This is an opportunity to gain practical ideas, learn from others and return to your church encouraged and ready to take action.

We would love every church to be represented. Please register and share this invitation with your

clergy, churchwardens, Eco Champions and anyone who cares about creation and the future of your church and community.

Saturday 19 September 2026
9.30am–1pm, with arrival and refreshments from 9am
Rochester Cathedral

Register here: **Eco Conference 2026**

Who will represent your 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://in-eqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/> .

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

Please do your best to complete this audit.