



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
13th September 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: Diana Hunt and Anne

Wheelhouse

Reader: Julie Hammonds

Intercessions: Stephen Ringer

Chalice: Norma Crowe and Stephen Crowe

Today's Hymns are:

565: *All people that on earth*

426: *Lead us heavenly Father*

423: *Judge eternal*

326: *Of the glorious body, part 1*

393: *Glorious things of thee*

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you,

they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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:

Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the

throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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, Tim Coombs and Jeremy.

We pray for the recently departed:

Jill Gomez, Chris Bodeen and Sheila Brown.

We pray for those whose years mind occurs at this time:

(their names are also displayed on the altar in the Warrior Chapel).

Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat

Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Edna Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, Marjorie Easteal, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Donald Buckle, Richard Thompson, Jimmy Little, Angela Cheeseman, Harold Fussell, David Fussell, Patricia Travers, Patricia Ann Okines.



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.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Today 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.

It may be possible to accommodate additional people, please speak to Diana or Stephen Ringer

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.

If you have any spare hangers these would be warmly welcomed.

Please help by donating cakes or savoury items for this event. There is a sign -up sheet on the table.

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

From 12 to 4pm. There will be Christmas stalls, tombolas, refreshments, raffles and Father Christmas will be in his grotto.

Saturday 5th December

Light up a Life Service

3pm start

Saturday 12th December

Bodiam Concert Band Festive Concert at St Laurence

Details to follow.

Forthcoming Services:

20th September

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

Sidesmen: Judy Darkins and Jean Elliott

Reader: Jane Cooper

Intercessions: Julie Hammonds

Chalice: Lydeke Klein and Peter

Hodges

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

11th October

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

18th October

8.00am BCP Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Bishop David Bannerman

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader

Mr. Stephen Ringer: 01580 879710

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Dr. Julie Hammonds: 07587 470678

Churchwardens

Claire Roberts: 01580 754374

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Lydeke Klein: 01580 493732

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Dr. Charlotte O'Neill:

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