



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
20th 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 Matins

Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt

Reader: Anne Wheelhouse

Intercessions: Julie Hammonds

Chalice: Lydeke Klein and Peter Hodges

Today's Hymns are:

367: *As pants the hart*

369: *Be thou my guardian*

390: *Firmly I believe and truly*

334: *We pray thee Heavenly Father
On sheet: Mine eyes have seen*

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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:

Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and

the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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:

Jill Gomez, Chris Bodeen, Sheila Brown and Judie Wycherley

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.

Recessional Hymn:

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord.
He is tramping out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning
Of his terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah! (x3)
His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires
Of a hundred circling camps.
They have gilded him an altar
In the evening dews and damp.
I can read his righteous sentence
By the dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never sound retreat.
He is sifting out all human hearts
Before his judgement seat.
O, be swift my soul to answer him,
Be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
That transfigures you and me.
As he died to make us holy,
Let us live that all be free,
Whilst God is marching on.

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 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. Tea, coffee and cake will also be on sale.

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. 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:

27th September:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Vicki Young

Sidesmen: Diana Ringer and Anne
Wheelhouse

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Norma Crowe

Chalice: Rachael Ringer and Peter
Wyllie

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

25th October:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Vicki Young

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar

The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader

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