



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST**

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

27th 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 Vicki Young

Sidesmen: Diana Ringer and Anne Wheelhouse

Reader: Lydeke Klein

Intercessions: Julie Hammonds

Chalice: Peggy Stone and Peter Wyllie

Today's Hymns are:

241: *Thee O Christ*

245: *Stars of the morning. Omit **

385: *Father hear the prayer we offer*

318: *Let all mortal flesh*

380: *Come ye faithful*

The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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:

Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came

to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Tanner, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Jill, Carol, Dido Robson, Hannah, Val, Val Manser, Chris Bell and Tim Coombs.

We pray for the recently departed:

Jill Gomez, Chris Bodeen, and Judy 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.

We pray for the sick:

Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John

NOTICES

Wednesday Morning 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.



Message from Lynn

A big thank you to everyone who came to the churchyard clear – up. I can never believe how much work gets done.

There definitely seems to be an increase in insects since we started this project and I think I might have spotted signs of a visit from a hedgehog!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 10th of October at 10am, I look forward to seeing you again then.

Ride & Stride – thank you to everyone who participated in this event, church visitors, welcomers and sponsors.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 3rd October

Harvest Supper and Quiz Night

Tickets are on sale 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.

Choir Bottle Tombola

Please let Stephen Ringer have any donations of bottles for the tombola at the Christmas Fair.

Chocolate Tombola

We would like chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair. Please bring chocolate to church in preparation for this very popular tombola.

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:

4th October:

Harvest Festival
8.00am BCP Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist
Rev Judy Darkins

Sidesmen: Diana Hunt
Reader: Rachel Elliott
Intercessions: Robin Crowther
Chalice: Sue Maskell and Alison
Parsons.

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

1st November
All Saints Day
8.00am BCP Matins
Led by Stephen Ringer
10.00am Eucharist
Rev Stephen and Rev Lesley Hardy

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar
The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

Licensed Parish Reader
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SERVICE IN CHURCH.**