



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
4th October 2026
Harvest Festival**

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

Reader: Rachel Elliott

Intercessions: Robin Crowther

Chalice: Sue Maskell and Felicity

Robinson

Today's Hymns are:

289: *Come ye thankful people come*

532: *Let us with a gladsome mind*

*Omit * verses*

292: *To thee O Lord*

302: *And now O Father mindful*

293: *We plough the fields and scatter*

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you

and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by

worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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 and Tim Coombs.

We pray for the recently departed:

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

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

Kathleen Maureen Anderson, Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, Carmen Bickle, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Graham Rutherford, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Raymond Collins, Anne Nixon Felton Gerber, Dorothy

Ethel Heady, Peggy Richardson,
Andrew Burke-Smith, Ken Davis,
Sophie Ford, Doreen Joyce Robinson,
Ken Davis, Elizabeth Norton-Smith
Audrey Ann Watson, Rosamund
Johnson

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.



Thank you for your part in the
Pre Loved Clothing Sale last
Saturday.
We were so pleased.

£900 was raised for church
repairs.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start,

Forthcoming Services:

11th October
8.00am BCP Matins
Led by Stephen Ringer

10.00am Eucharist

Rev Sue Starkings

Sidesmen: Anne Wheelhouse and

Alison Mitham

Reader: Stephen Crowe

Intercessions: Rachel Elliott

Chalice: Claire Roberts and Alison

Parsons

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

8th November:

8.00am BCP Eucharist

Rev Vicki Young

11.00 Remembrance Service

Led by Julie Hammonds and Stephen

Ringer

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:

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