**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH**
**PARISH EUCHARIST**
**Second Sunday before Advent**
**15th November 2026**

# Today is Safeguarding Sunday

*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: Anne Wheelhouse and Ali Jones
Reader: Stephen Crowe
Intercessions: Jane Cooper
Chalice: Claire Roberts and Alison Parsons

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Today's Hymns are:
*545: Thy hand O God*
*316: Just as I am*
*476: Rejoice the Lord is King*
*304: Bread of heaven*
*471: Praise to the holiest*

***The Collect***
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***The First Reading:***
*Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end*
Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.' Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine." The great day of the Lord is near— near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. That day will be a day of wrath— a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness— a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. "I will bring such distress on all

people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath." In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

***The Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 25.14-30*

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**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, Shaun, Tim Coombs, Gillian Ryan and Julie Hammonds.

**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).
Camillus Travers, Frederick Wood, Freda Ross-Thomson, Audrey Warren, Elsie Williams, Alan Vaughan, Joyce Fawcett, Paddy Turner, Niko Vaughan, John Mitham, Audrey Buss, Eddie Mole, Muriel Roberts, Stephen Roberts, Elinor Michalski, Leon Michalski, Joan Thirkell, Margaret Godden, Gill South, Carmen Bickle, William Preston, Brian Fitzpatrick, Gillian Yates, John Davis, Marjorie Fussell, Wendy Gunn, Ray Gould, Anne Pynegar, Mickey Mandell.

**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**
All events are listed on the calendar, including prices and times. You should have received one this morning.

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING FOR THE FAIR**

Bottles for the bottle tombola

Chocolate for the chocolate tombola

Any raffle prizes including Christmas food/ serviettes/luxuries

Cakes / savouries / mince pies etc. for the refreshment stall.

**PLEASE COME TO THE FAIR ON SAT 28th NOVEMBER. MONEY RAISED IS FOR ECO WORK IN THE CHURCHYARD.**

**Forthcoming Services:**

**22nd November**
**8.00am BCP Matins**
Led by Stephen Ringer
**10.00am Eucharist**
Bishop David Bannerman
Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana Ringer
Reader: Clive Dewing
Intercessions: Peter Wyllie
Chalice: Nana Twumampofo and Kwame Appiah-Peprah

**29th November**
**8.00am BCP Matins**
Led by Stephen Ringer
**10.00am Eucharist**
Rev Sue Starkings

**6th December:**
**8.00am BCP Eucharist**
**10.00am Eucharist**
Rev Vicki Young

**13th December**
**8.00am BCP Matins**
Led by Stephen Ringer
**10.00am Eucharist**
Bishop David Bannerman

**20th December:**
**8.00am BCP Eucharist**
**10.00am Eucharist**
Rev Vicki Young

**24th December:**
**11.30pm Eucharist**
Rev Vicki Young

**AT YOUR SERVICE**

**Vicar**
The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

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