ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST
Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King
22nd November 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
Bishop David Bannerman
Sidesmen: Diana Hunt and Diana Ringer
Reader: Claire Roberts
Intercessions: Peter Wyllie
Chalice: Nana Twumampofo and Kwame Appiah-Peprah

Today's Hymns are:
466: O worship the King
470: Praise my soul
622: All glory laud and honour
315: Jesu gentlest saviour
On sheet: Great is thy faithfulness

The Collect
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:
Ephesians 1.15-end
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel Reading
Matthew 25.31-end
'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All

the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Recessional Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
***Refrain**:*
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
***Refrain**:*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***Refrain**:*

Final Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided, Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

We pray for the sick:
Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Dido Robson, Hannah, Val, Val Manser, Shaun, Tim Coombs, Gillian Ryan and Julie Hammonds.

We pray for the recently departed:
Andrew Marriott and Martin Sutton.

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events are listed on the calendar, including prices and times. Please take one today.

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:

29th November
8.00am BCP Matins
Led by Stephen Ringer
10.00am Eucharist
Rev Sue Starkings
Sidesmen: Alison Mitham and Anne Wheelhouse
Reader: Claire Roberts
Intercessions: Rachel Elliott
Chalice: Peggy Stone and TBC

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

25th December
8.00am BCP Eucharist
Rev Judy Darkins
10.00am Readings and Carols
Led by Stephen Ringer

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

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