ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
PARISH EUCHARIST

Advent Sunday
29th 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
Rev Sue Starkings
Sidesmen: Alison Mitham and Anne Wheelhouse
Reader: Clive Dewing
Intercessions: Rachel Elliott
Chalice: Peggy Stone and Peter Hodges

Today's Hymns are:
1: Creator of the stars of night
6: Hark the glad sound
On sheet: Long ago, prophets knew
13: When came in flesh
301: Alleluia sing to Jesus

The Collect
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel Reading
Mark 13.24-end
'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man

coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Gradual Hymn:

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new,
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, shing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected,

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not ta

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

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.

Easyfundraising
St Laurence Church is registered with easyfundraising. Please sign up to support us.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events are listed on the calendar, including prices and times.

TODAY at 6.30pm in the Baptist Church. **Churches Together Advent Sunday Service**

Bodiam Concert Band on Sat. 12th December - tickets on sale today. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Tickets £15 to include a complimentary glass of wine and canapes. Raffle and cash bar.

Advent Giving Tree – The Advent Giving Tree for ***Sightsavers International*** is now at the back of the church. Please hang your gift on the tree and it will be replaced with a star. ***Sightsavers*** treat eye conditions such as cataracts and tackle debilitating diseases, many of which cause sight loss.

Next Sunday, 6th December, please come to support the Foundation and Training Bands of Cranbrook Town Band in a short concert at 1.30pm. Donations only. The conductors will be our choirmaster and organist, Dr. Charlotte O'Neill and Mr Ian Lanceley.
There will be a short interval with refreshments and the concert will be approximately one hour in total.

Sunday 20th December – Village Carol Service here at 6.00pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. (donations of mince pies would be gratefully received nearer the time,

please)

Thursday 24th December at 4.30pm we will be holding a spectacular Crib Service with a real donkey and a sheep. Children should come to the service dressed as a character from the Nativity Story.

Forthcoming Services:

6th December:
8.00am BCP Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist
Rev Vicki Young
Sidesmen: Ali Jones and Diana Ringer
Reader: Anne Wheelhouse
Intercessions: Stephen Ringer
Chalice: Norma and Stephen Crowe

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 Service of the Word with Carols.
Led by Stephen Ringer

27th December:
8.00am BCP Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist
Rev Judy Darkins

AT YOUR SERVICE

Vicar
The Benefice is currently in vacancy.

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