

PEW SHEET FOR PARISH OF MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



Sunday 5th October Harvest Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	Collect for Harvest Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am Family Worship St Laurence Bapchild with Revd Simon, ALM Jo <i>(and the puppets)!</i>
Sunday 12th October Trinity 17 Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Collect for 17th Sunday after Trinity Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am Morning Prayer St Laurence Bapchild with Rev Simon
Sunday 19th October Trinity 18 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Collect 18th Sunday after Trinity God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am Family Worship St Laurence Bapchild with Rev Simon & ALM Jo
Sunday 26th October Last after Trinity Joel 2:23-end Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Collect for last Sunday after Trinity Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying you will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am Holy Communion St Laurence Bapchild with Rev Simon

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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WHATS GOING ON?

Wed 1 st Oct	'Start' course	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Bapchild Rectory
Fri 3 rd Oct	The Hub - Youth Group	6 – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Mon 6 th Oct	Reception Welcome Service	1.45 – 2.30 pm	St Laurence Church
Sat 11 th Oct	Dad & Lads Working Group	10 – 11.30 am	Bapchild School
Wed 15 th Oct	School Harvest Services	9.30 am, 11.30 am, 2.45 pm	St Laurence Church
Wed 15 th Oct	'Start' course	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Bapchild Rectory
Fri 17 th Oct	The Hub - Youth Group	6 – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sat 18 th Oct	Coffee Morning	10 – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Wed 22 nd Oct	'Start' course	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Bapchild Rectory
Sun 26 th Oct	Messy Church	3.30 – 5.15 pm	All Saints, Murston
Sun 1 st Nov	All Saints Day – Family Service	10 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 9 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	All Saints Murston
	Remembrance Sunday	10.30 am	St Laurence Bapchild

Parish Safeguarding Officer

My name is Corinna, and I am your parish safeguarding officer. I just want to give you a brief oversight of my role, how it affects our parish and each other as Christians.

In a few words, using a Biblical analogy, 'we need, to protect our sheep'. This we can do by looking after each other, making safeguarding everyone's responsibility as a basic Christian principle.

Several of our members – Churchwardens, PCC members, Youth Club and Messy Church leaders and helpers – have to be checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service for suitability. It is my responsibility to carry out these checks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, in confidence on 07306 131065, if you have any concerns, whether for yourself or for others.

Corinna Tucker

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

Join us on Saturday 18th October, from 10 am till 12 noon

Held monthly, on the third Saturday of the month. Come to enjoy a friendly chat, tea/coffee and cake plus browse the bric-a-brac or try your luck at the raffle. **All donations go toward the work of the church.**



If you're a keen baker, why not bring along something for us to sell. All donations go towards the upkeep of our Church, and it's work in the community. It's a lovely couple of hours, great for all ages. Bring a friend and have a catch up, all the community are welcome.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

The Coffee Morning held on 20th September raised, with donations, £155. **There will be £200 sent to the Macmillan charity.** Grateful thanks to all who supported this.

THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR COMING



START COURSE

Are you interested in going deeper with God? We are running a new Christianity course, on **Wednesday evenings, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm at Bapchild Rectory.** Aimed at those who want to explore what God might be saying to them; it is called '**Start**'. Each session lasts about 60 minutes and is based around a short, lively DVD clip. There is time to chat, interactive exercises and space for reflection – all in a style that aims to be honest and enjoyable. If you're interested in joining us or have any questions please contact Rev Simon.

MESSY CHURCH

Is back in October, on **Sunday 26th October at 3.30 pm until 5.15 pm at All Saints Church, Murston.** If you're interested in attending or supporting our Messy Church in anyway, please do speak to Jo Apps.



What goes on at Messy Church? We start with a game, then share our story. This is followed by a choice of craft activities, before we come together for a prayer activity and action songs. We end with a sit down buffet tea, kindly prepared by volunteers from Bapchild and Murston Churches. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

THE HUB

Our Youth Group is held fortnightly at Bapchild School. We are back in full swing since the start of the new school year. holidays. 'The Hub' is aimed at secondary aged children. If you know anyone who may be interested, please direct them to Revd Simon or Jo for a chat.



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RIDE AND STRIDE – THANK YOU!

The sponsored Ride & Stride took place on Saturday 13th September. The amount raised was £200, half of which will come back to St Laurence Church, the other half goes to Friends of Kent Churches. A grateful thanks to those who rode or strode, those who sponsored them and those who kept our churches open for visitors.



HARVEST DONATIONS

All donations brought to our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 5th October, will be given to the local foodbank. Donations of food, toiletries and household items will be gratefully received. There is a basket at the back of St Laurence Church by the font, at which you can make donations all year round.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be packing shoe boxes once more to send to this international charity. For those of you who are new to this we cover a shoe box and lid in Christmas paper, fill it with toys, games, stationery items and small items of clothes then add a card. We will deliver the boxes to a distribution centre on 9th November which is the start of its long journey to a disadvantaged child somewhere in the world. If you are interested in helping with this and would like more information, please look on the website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. Leaflets will be available in Church or if you have any questions please contact me on 01795 522231 or 07523342667. If you would prefer to donate money or items towards a shoe box then please let me have these as soon as possible and we will make up boxes.

The last date to deliver completed boxes to Bapchild school or church is Sunday 9th November.

Thank you from Susannah Butcher



Please use this prayer, let's make 2025 our year of Growth

A Prayer for Leading our Churches into Growth

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Leading your Church into Growth

If you have a contribution or a prayer request that you'd like to be included in our Parish Pew Sheet, please pass it on via your Church Warden or direct to Jo Apps.

To receive an email copy of this pew sheet please request via Jo Apps.

GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Want to make a one-off donation to our churches or set up a regular donation, the QR codes will take you to the relevant Parish Giving Page.

Here you can set up a regular donation via Direct Debit. This can be increased, decreased or even cancelled by you at any time. The advantage of this scheme is that if you are a tax payer, the Church can claim through Gift Aid an additional 25% of your donation. Alternatively, contact our Treasurers, Barbara Verga (Bapchild) or Phil Bromwich (Murston).



St Laurence Bapchild



All Saints Murston