

# NEWS SHEET

## FOR THE PARISH OF

### MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



<p><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 <b>John 3:1-17</b></p>	<p><b>Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p><b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Family Worship with Revd Simon</p>
<p><b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 <b>John 4:5-42</b></p>	<p><b>Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p><b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Morning Prayer with Revd Simon</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 <b>John 9</b></p> <p><b>Mothering Sunday</b> Exodus 2:1-10 Psalm 34:11-20 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 <b>Luke 2:33-35</b></p>	<p><b>Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p> <p><b>Collect for Mothering Sunday</b> God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p><b>10 am All Saints Murston</b> Family Worship with Revd Tracy and ALM Jo</p> <p><b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Family Worship with Revd Simon</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 <b>John 11:1-45</b></p>	<p><b>Collect for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know your eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p><b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Holy Communion with Revd Simon</p> <p><b>3.30 pm All Saints Murston</b> Messy Church</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end</p>	<p><b>Collect for Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen</p>	<p><b>10 am St Laurence Bapchild</b> Holy Communion with Revd Simon</p> <p>with distribution of palm crosses</p> 

Service details can also be found on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>The Hub – Youth Group</b>	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lent Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Messy Planning</b>	9.30 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>The Hub – Youth Group</b>	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Bapchild Coffee Morning</b>	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Messy Church</b>	3.30 – 5.15 pm	All Saints Murston
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March	PCC Mtg	7 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>The Hub – Youth Group</b>	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Lent Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>School Easter Services</b>	9.30am/11am/2 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Maundy Thursday HC	6.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	March of Witness ( <i>from St Michaels</i> )	10 am	Sittingbourne High St
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last Hour at the Cross	2 pm	All Saints Murston
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	9.30 am	All Saints Murston
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday Salvation Army	9 am	B&T School Field
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday HC Service	10 am	St Laurence Bapchild

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## COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

**Join us on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March 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. If you're a keen baker, why not bring along something for us to sell.



It's a lovely couple of hours, great for all ages. Bring a friend and have a catch up, it's a space where all the community are welcome. An opportunity to quiz the Vicar, Church Wardens or other Lay Ministers or find out more about Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmation, Bible Study or any of our church activities.

## EASTER LILIES

At Bapchild Church there will be the usual Easter Lilies this year.

If you wish to remember a loved one in this way please give a donation of £3.50 with the name of the person to be remembered to Valerie Smith.

The names will be displayed in church on Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

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**Messy Church** is for everyone, it's aimed primarily at families. We come together to share stories, take part in craft activities, sing songs, share a meal, to pray & worship God. We learn about being part of Gods great big Messy family. This year the theme for each session is based on Christian values.

Children must be accompanied by an adult please. If you would like to find out more or would like to support our Messy Church, please contact ALM Jo Apps.

Messy Church will be held on the following dates at **All Saints Murston from 3.30 pm until 5.15 pm:**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Integrity: Stand up and be counted**

**Daniel 3:13-25**

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## THE HUB

Our Youth Group is held fortnightly at Bapchild School, on a Friday from 6 pm until 7.30 pm. 'The Hub' is aimed at secondary aged children. We take a light approach to sharing the gospel with the young people, finishing with a short time of invitational sharing and prayer. If you know anyone who may be interested, please direct them to Revd Simon or Jo for a chat.

**Our next meeting is planned for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**



## CHARITY DONATIONS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and ends on Easter Day, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. During this season of Lent we have a request for a donation each week for one or possibly a few more items which are desperately needed to help the Local Food Bank meet current demands. Suggested items are: **Tinned Meats, Tinned Fish, Coffee, Tea, Household items, Washing up Liquid, Washing Powder, Toiletries for Men and Women, Soap, Shampoo, Shower Gel.** Donated items can be left in the basket by the Font in Church. All will be gratefully received.

Thank you, Churchwardens

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## BIBLE STUDY

For information on our Lent Bible Study being held at All Saints Church Murston, please speak to Reverend Simon or pick up a flyer from church.

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# NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

## EverydayFaith app

Develop a daily connection with God, with daily reflections to inspire, equip and encourage you in your everyday faith.

Everyday Faith is free to download for iOS and Android.



### A Prayer for Leading our Churches into Growth

God of Misson  
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

Please continue to use this prayer. We were using it in 2025 and have seen growth in our church numbers. Let us continue to grow our church community and discern God's will for us here, in this place.

Do you feel God is saying something to you? Join us for our **Monthly Prayer Meetings** as we intentionally pray for God to make his will known to us.



Leading your Church  
into Growth

Our next prayer meeting is on  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

## 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? These 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

**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 a Church Warden or direct to Jo Apps.**