

NEWS SHEET FOR THE PARISH OF MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



<p>Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday</p> <p>Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18</p>	<p>Collect for Easter Sunday</p> <p>God of Glory by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon</p> <p>Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt</p> 
<p>Sunday 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 2:14-a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-end</p>	<p>Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Morning Prayer with Revd Tracy</p> <p>3 pm All Saints Murston Baptism</p>
<p>Sunday 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 2:14-a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-end 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p>Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon and ALM Jo</p>
<p>Sunday 26th April 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 2:42-end Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:1-10</p>	<p>Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon</p>

Service details can also be found on www.achurchnearyou.com



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Sun 5 th April	Sunrise Service, Salvation Army	9 am	Bapchild School Field
Sun 5 th April	Easter Sunday Family Service	10 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Sat 11 th April	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	All Saints Murston
Sat 18 th April	Bapchild Coffee Morning	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Tues 21 st April	Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 24 th April	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Tues 28 th April	Study Group	7.30 – 8.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Sat 9 th May	Parish Prayer & Reflection morning	(tbc)	Bapchild

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

Join us on Saturday 18th April 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.

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 gathering is on Friday 24th April 2026 with an Easter Egg Hunt on the Field

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BIBLE STUDY

The Lent Bible Study will continue as a study group from Tuesday 21st April. It is held at All Saints Church Murston, please speak to Reverend Simon or a church warden for details on timings.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Electoral Roll 2026

What is the Electoral Roll? It's simply a list of church members (aged 16+). There is no 'joining fee' and no 'annual subscription' – it is free to join our church family. Living outside the parish does not bar you from being on the Electoral Roll. Those on the roll can stand for election as Churchwardens or PCC members; they can also nominate others for these offices. In addition, they are entitled to vote at the annual parish meeting.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll at present, please consider joining.

Forms will be available from Sunday 12th April from Churchwardens – Valerie, Margaret, Christine and Phil, and from our Electoral Roll Officer, April. Please feel free to have a chat with any of them if you have any questions. Completed forms should be returned to April or Christine no later than 1st May, but earlier returns would be appreciated.



*Parish of Murston, Bapchild and Tonge
Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday 17th May
following Family Worship
at St Laurence Church*

*Everyone is invited to our **Annual Meeting**, which reviews our work and worship in 2025 and looks forward to 2026.*

It is also an opportunity to nominate Churchwardens and members of the PCC; if you are on the Electoral Roll you can vote in these elections. There are nomination forms at the back of church; completed forms should be returned to Christine (PCC Secretary), and please ensure that the person nominated signs the consent on the form.

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

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION



Leading your Church
into 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

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. Our next prayer meeting is on **Saturday 11th April**.



Prayer books and journals for the Novena will be ordered, more information to follow.

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 to Jo Apps.