

NEWS SHEET

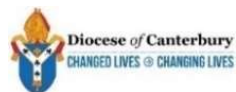
FOR THE PARISH OF

MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



<p>Sunday 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55-end Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>	<p>Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter Risen Christ your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, 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 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-end 1 Peter 3:13-end John 14:15-21</p>	<p>Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Morning Prayer with Revd Simon</p>
<p>Thursday 14th May Ascension Day Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-end Luke 24:44-end</p>	<p>Collect for Ascension Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen</p>	<p>6.30 pm St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon</p>
<p>Sunday 17th May 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-end 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</p>	<p>Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon</p>
<p>Sunday 24th May Pentecost Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-end 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</p>	<p>Collect for Pentecost Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon</p>
<p>Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-end Matthew 28:16-end</p>	<p>Collect for Trinity Sunday Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen</p>	<p>10 am St Laurence Bapchild Morning Prayer and anointing with Revd Simon</p>

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



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Sat 2 nd May	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Tues 5 th May	Bible Study Group	7 – 8 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 8 th May	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sat 9 th May	Parish Prayer & Reflection morning	9.30 – 1 pm	Bapchild School
Tues 12 th May	Bible Study Group	7 – 8 pm	All Saints Murston
Thurs 14 th May	Ascension Holy Communion	6.30 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sat 16 th May	Bapchild Coffee Morning	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 17 th May	APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)	11 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Tues 19 th May	Bible Study Group	7 – 8 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 22 nd May	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Wed 3 rd June	Deanery Synod (open meeting)	7 for 7.30 pm	Bobbing Church
Sat 6 th June	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	All Saints Murston
Fri 5 th June	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Wed 10 th June	PCC Meeting	7.30 pm	All Saints Murston

Parish of Murston, Bapchild and Tonge Prayer and Reflection Morning Saturday 9th May 2026 from 9.30 am until 1 pm

A time to pause. A time to pray. A time to reflect.

This is a time to come together and to take time out with God using prayer activities. Whatever stage you are at in the Faith journey this is about you and for you as we seek to pray for and work towards growth in our Parish, both as a Church Community and for ourselves. Tea & coffee will be provided for a mid-morning break. Please bring a packed lunch, we will finish with a time of worship then share lunch or tea & cake together before finishing at 1 pm.

If possible, please let either Rev Tracy, Rev Simon, ALM Jo or a Churchwarden know if you will be coming so that we have a rough idea of numbers.

Yours in Christ Rev Tracy

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet on Tuesday's at 7 pm in the Grace Sorrell room at All Saints Church, Murston. For more information, please speak to Revd Simon or a Church Warden.

Coffee Morning 

for **christian aid**

St Laurence Church
Bapchild

 **Saturday 16th May**
 **10 am until 12 pm**

tea, coffee
cake
raffle
bric-a-brac

Stand together. Change lives.

Parish of
Murston, Bapchild and Tonge

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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.

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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.



Thy Kingdom Come

God with us

14th-24th May 2026

Prayer books and journals for the Novena will be available in Church.

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.

 **ONE-OFF DONATION**
Scan the QR code to make a one-off donation.

 **REGULAR DONATION**
Scan the QR code to set up a regular donation.

 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).

Thank you for your generosity 



**St Laurence
Bapchild**



**All Saints
Murston**

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION



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 6th June** at All Saints Church, Murston.

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

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.