

NEWS SHEET

FOR THE PARISH OF

MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



Sunday 5th July 5th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-end Psalm 45:10-end Romans 7:15-25 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end	Collect for 5th Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Tracy and Rev Karen
Sunday 12th July 6th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 25:19-end Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Collect for 6th Sunday of Trinity Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Morning Prayer with Revd Simon
Sunday 19th July 7th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 28:10-19 Psalm 139:1-11 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Collect for 7th Sunday of Trinity Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon & ALM Jo 1 pm St Laurence Bapchild Baptism of Cody Unsworth
Sunday 26th July 8th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11 Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Collect for 8th Sunday of Trinity Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon

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



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Sat 4 th July	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Sat 4 th July	Ordination Service	2.30 pm	Canterbury Cathedral
Sat 11 th July	Wedding of Dominic & Vanessa	2 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Mon 13 th July	School Leavers Service	7 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Tues 14 th July	Bible Study Group	7 – 8 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 17 th July	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sat 18 th July	Bapchild Coffee Morning	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 19 th July	Mothers Union 150 years	10 am	Holy Trinity, Milton Regis
Tues 21 st July	Bible Study Group	7 – 8 pm	All Saints Murston
24 th – 28 th July	Free Uniform Event (see poster for opening times)		Methodist Church
Sat 1 st Aug	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	All Saints Murston

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet on Tuesday's at 7 pm in the Grace Sorrell room at All Saints Church, Murston. New people are always welcome to join us, you don't have to attend every week, just pop by when you can. For more information, please speak to Revd Simon or a Church Warden.

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

Join us on Saturday 18th July 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. 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, 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.

JOYOUS NEWS TO SHARE

Reverend Tracy Ordained Priest

Reverend Tracy has been Ordained Priest by Bishop Rose during a beautiful service at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 4th July. Tracy was supported by her family, friends and a not too shabby turn out from across the Benefice.

Congratulations Tracy! May God continue to bless and guide you as you support Revd Simon in leading the flock in the Parish of Murston, Bapchild & Tonge.



FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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

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 1st August** at All Saints Church, Murston.

PRAYING FOR OUR NEW INCUMBENT

We are asked to continue praying for the appointment of a new incumbent.

The Parish Profile for the Benefice of St Michael with Murston, Bapchild and Tonge has been prepared. A Parish Profile is rather like a job description: it describes who we are as a benefice, what is important to us, and the many activities that take place across our churches. It outlines our worship, ministry, community life, and the events and services that help shape our shared faith.

As this process moves forward, we pray that God is already at work in the heart of the person He is calling to serve among us. We pray for the priest whom God is preparing to minister alongside Revd Simon, Revd Tracy, and the people of our Benefice. We also pray for their family and loved ones, who will share in this calling.

Above all, we place our trust in God, confident that He will lead the right person—and, if it is His will, their family—to join us here, so that together we may continue His work in this place.

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for Your faithfulness to Your Church and for Your loving care for our benefice.

As we seek a new incumbent, guide those involved in the appointment process with wisdom, discernment, and grace. Prepare the heart of the priest whom You are calling to serve among us and bless their family as they seek Your will for the future.

Help us to be patient, prayerful, and trusting in Your purposes. Unite us in faith and hope, and lead us forward in Your service, so that together we may proclaim Your love and serve our community in the name of Christ.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." - Galatians 5:22-23

NEWS & EVENTS

Free school uniform HERE

24th - 28th July 2026

Logoed and plain
uniform –
**For most
Sittingbourne
schools primary
and secondary**

Friday July 24th 10am - 4pm
Saturday July 25th 10am - 4pm
Monday July 27th 2pm - 6pm
Tuesday July 28th 10am - 1pm



Back to School Uniform Checklist

**Free Preloved School Uniform Hub -
Sittingbourne Methodists**

High Street - Sittingbourne - Find us on Facebook

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1876-2026



WORSHIP
SERVICE

at
HOLY TRINITY
MILTON REGIS

SUNDAY
19th JULY
2026

10.00 AM



Light refreshments
will be served
after the service.

All welcome

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

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to our churches or set up a
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the relevant Parish Giving Page.



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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



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.