

NEWS SHEET

FOR THE PARISH OF

MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



Sunday 2nd August 9th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 16 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	Collect for 9th Sunday after Trinity Gracious Father, revive your church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon
Sunday 9th August 10th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-10 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33 <u>Alternative Readings:</u> Psalm 148:1-4, 12-13 Matthew 17:22-27	Collect for 10th Sunday of Trinity Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Collect for St Laurence Almighty God, who made Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon and Revd Tracy <i>A service to celebrate the feast of St Laurence</i>
Sunday 16th August 11th Sunday of Trinity Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20)21-28	Collect for 11th Sunday of Trinity God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon 12.30 pm St Laurence Bapchild - Baptism
Sunday 23rd August 12th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	Collect for 12th Sunday of Trinity God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon
Sunday 30th August 13th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 115 Romans 12:9-end Matthew 16:21-end	Collect for 13th Sunday of Trinity Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Morning Prayer with Anointing with Oil

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



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Sat 1 st Aug	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	All Saints Murston
Sat 8 th Aug	Wedding of Jarrod & Elisha	2 pm	St Laurence, Bapchild
Sun 9 th Aug	Baptism of Erin	2 pm	All Saints Murston
Thurs 13 th Aug	Funeral of Hazel Hooker	11 am	Bobbing Crematorium
Sat 15 th Aug	Bapchild Coffee Morning	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 16 th Aug	Baptism (3 siblings)	12.30 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 30 th Aug	Baptism (4 siblings)	2.30 pm	All Saints Murston
Fri 4 th Sept	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sat 5 th Sept	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	All Saints, Murston
Sat 5 th Sept	Mission Meeting	10 am	All Saints Murston
Tues 8 th Sept	PCC Meeting	7.15 pm	All Saints, Murston
Sat 12 th Sept	Ride & Stride	10 am – 6 pm	All Churches
Fri 18 th Sept	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sun 13 th Sept	Family Service Relaunch	3.30 pm	All Saints, Murston
Sat 19 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Sun 27 th Sept	Guest Preacher, Jo Silcock from Tear Fund	10 am	St Laurence Bapchild

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

Join us on Saturday 15th August, 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. 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.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT



Many of you will be aware that the Church of England has been undertaking a programme of audits of their safeguarding practices in Dioceses and Cathedrals and in November 2026 Canterbury's audit will take place. The INEQE Safeguarding Group were commissioned in 2023 to undertake this work.

The audit is not just focussed on our Diocesan Safeguarding Team but is an audit of the entire Diocese and how we, as a Diocese prioritise safeguarding in our ongoing work of the Gospel within our parishes. The auditor's findings will reflect all of us, not just those who specialise in this area to support us.

I am asking that you support our audit by completing the surveys found using this link – the auditors want to hear from as many people as possible in the diocese, no matter what their participation in parish life. <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>



This is everyone's audit and taking part in the audit surveys demonstrates how we hold in mind that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. More information about our audit can be found on our website [Safeguarding Audit 2026 - Diocese of Canterbury](#)

Yours in the service of Christ,

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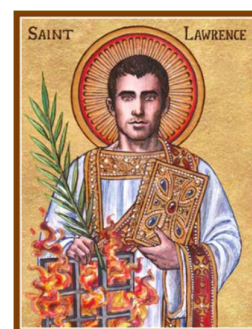
BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is taking a break for the summer holiday, starting back in September. We 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.

FEAST DAY FOR ST LAURENCE

St Laurence, alternative spelling St Lawrence, was born in AD 225 in Spain. He was one of the 7 Deacons of the city of Rome who were martyred in the persecution of the Christians ordered by the Roman Emperor Valerian in AD 258. There are differing accounts about his death; but it was possibly by being burnt on a gridiron.

He died on 10th August AD 258 age 32 in Rome. His **Feast Day is 10th August.**



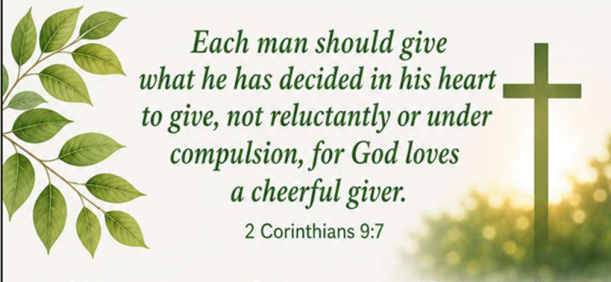
NEWS & EVENTS

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal Fund

Donations amounted to £340 which have been sent on behalf of the Parish to the Disasters Emergency Committee.



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

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 5th September** at St Laurence, Bapchild.

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

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.