

NEWS SHEET

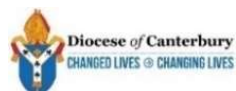
FOR THE PARISH OF

MURSTON, BAPCHILD & TONGE



Sunday 6th September 14th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-end Matthew 18:15-20	Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity <i>Creation in Christ (Festival)</i> Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon & Rev Tracy
Sunday 13th September 15th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 14:19-end Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Collect for 15th Sunday of Trinity Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Morning Prayer with Revd Simon
Sunday 20th September 16th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6,37-end Philippians 1:21-end Matthew 20:1-16	Collect for 16th Sunday of Trinity Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon & ALM Jo
Sunday 27th September <u>Alternative Readings today</u> Exodus 4:1-13 Mark 6:30-44 17th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-7 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Collect for 17th Sunday of Trinity Gracious God you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Holy Communion with Revd Simon & guest preacher, Jo Silcock from Tear Fund
Sunday 4th October 18th Sunday of Trinity Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-end	Collect for 18th Sunday of Trinity God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	10 am St Laurence Bapchild Family Worship with Revd Simon

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



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Sat 5 th Sept	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	All Saints, Murston
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Tues 8 th Sept	PCC Meeting	7.15 pm	All Saints, Murston
Fri 11 th Sept	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sat 12 th Sept	Ride & Stride	10 am – 6 pm	All Churches
Sat 19 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	10 am – 12 pm	St Laurence Bapchild
Fri 25 th Sept	The Hub – Youth Group	6 pm – 7.30 pm	Bapchild School
Sun 27 th Sept	Guest Preacher, Jo Silcock from Tear Fund	10 am	St Laurence Bapchild
Sat 3 rd Oct	Prayer Meeting	9.30 am	St Laurence Bapchild

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAURENCE

Join us on Saturday 19th September, 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 this month will be going to Macmillan Cancer Care.**



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.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is 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.

NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations to Anne and Michael as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month. They were married at Bapchild Church on 4th September 1976.

Happy 50th Golden Anniversary! We praise God for His amazing grace and faithfulness in your lives over the last half-century. Your enduring love is a true reflection of Christ's love for the Church, and your walk together is an inspiring testament to His goodness. May the Lord continue to bless your home with peace, joy, and rich fellowship in the years ahead.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We will be packing shoe boxes once more to send to this international charity. For those of you who are new to this we cover a shoe box and lid in Christmas paper, fill it with toys, games, stationery items and small items of clothes then add a card.

If you have any **medium sized adult shoe boxes** please can you bring them into church so that we can start covering them ready to fill with Christmas treats.

Thank you from **Susannah Butcher**

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.



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](#)

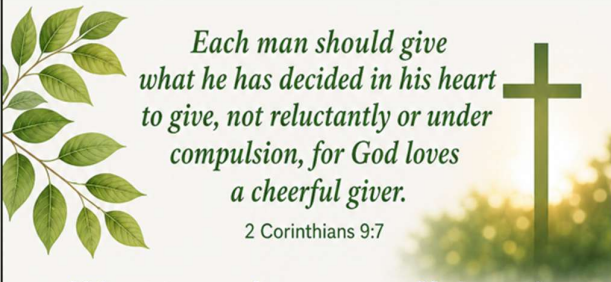


Yours in the service of Christ,

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The surveys will **close** on **9th September 2026 at 11:30pm**.
Young Peoples Survey will close on 16th September 2026 at 11.30pm

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.