

**Services at St Margaret's Underriver
September 2007**



Sunday	2 Sept	11:15	A Short Service for All God's Children	
Sunday	9 Sept	08:00	Holy Communion (said)	BCP
		18:00	Evensong	BCP
Sunday	16 Sept	11:15	All Age Family Service	
Sunday	23 Sept	11:15	Parish Communion	CW
Sunday	30 Sept	10:30	United Songs of Praise	
Sunday	7 Oct	10:30	Sunday Club meets in the Village Hall	
		11:15	St Margaret's Harvest Festival	
		12:30	St Margaret's Parish Lunch in the Village Hall	

For details of joint services, bible study, prayer times, etc., please see Page 2

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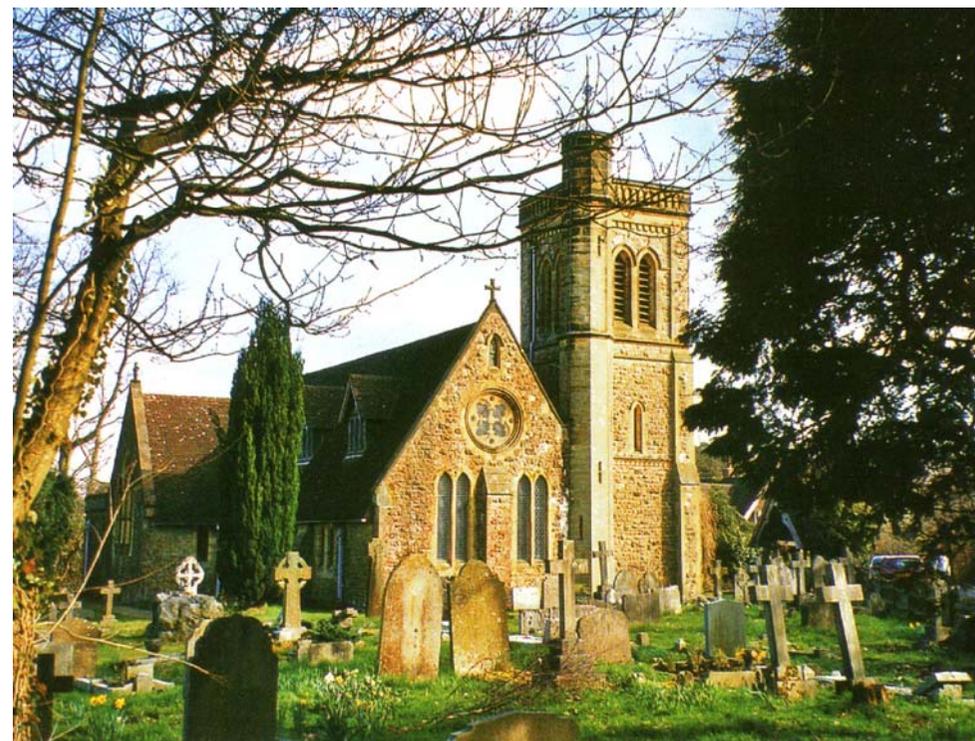
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**St Lawrence, Seal Chart
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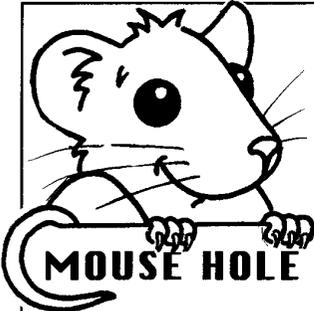
Our church website on www.sealstlawrence.org.uk is well worth a visit

**Services at The Church of St Lawrence
Seal Chart during September 2007**



Sunday	2 Sept	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 08:00 Holy Communion (said) Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15 09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church) Luke 14: 1, 7-14	BCP
Sunday	9 Sept	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 09:45 Family Communion (with hymns) With Ministry of Healing & Wholeness Philemon Luke 14: 25-33	CW
Friday	14 Sept	Prayer Time for Both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) 14:00 At Shepherd's Cottage, Heaverham Road, Kemsing	
Sunday	16 Sept	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 08:00 Holy Communion (said) 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 09:45 All Age Family Service (with Sunday School) Exodus 32: 7-14 Luke 15: 1-10	CW
Wed	19 Sept	Exploring Christianity—Start of Mini-Course 20:00 At The White House	
Sunday	23 Sept	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 09:45 Morning Prayer (with hymns) 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Mark 2: 1-12	BCP
Thursday	27 Sept	Prayer Time for Both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) 14:00 At The Vicarage	
Sunday	30 Sept	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 10:30 Songs of Praise at St Margaret's., Underriver 18:00 Holy Communion (said) 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31	CW
Saturday	6 Oct	St Lawrence Harvest Supper 19:00 In the Village Hall	
Sunday	7 Oct	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 08:00 Holy Communion (said) 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 09:45 St Lawrence's Harvest Festival (children in church) Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Revelation 14: 14-18	BCP

For the Children



Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

In Jesus time, when you went to someone's house, the dust and dirt would be washed off your feet by a servant. 

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their feet. So Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel round his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet and dry them with the towel round his waist.

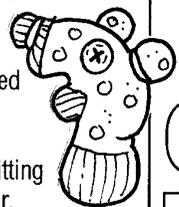
Sock Puppets

Make simple puppets with an old socks. Put your fingers down the end of the sock and your thumb in the heel.



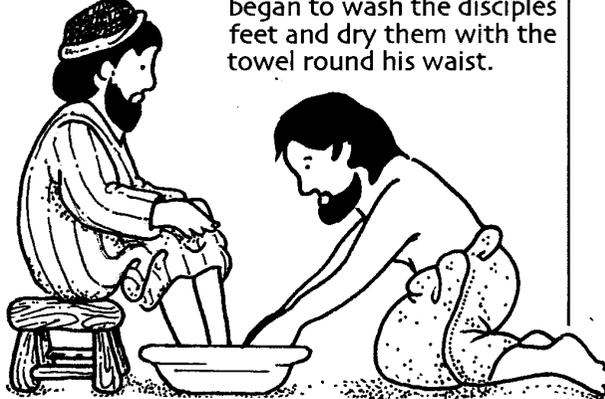
Sew on buttons for eyes or use sticky paper circles.

Ears and noses can be made with balls of paper or cotton wool secured with elastic bands. Use chunky knitting wool for hair.



To secure onto your arm, use a large elastic band... but make sure it's not too tight!

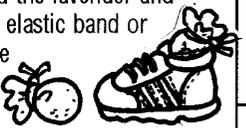




When he had finished he put on his clothes and returned to his place at the table and said

"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as have done for you"

Read this story in **John 13:1-17**
What could you do for your friends?

If your trainers smell of cheesy feet, make them smell nice by putting 2 or 3 handfuls of dried lavender into the middle of a hanky. Gather up the corners around the lavender and secure with an elastic band or ribbon. Leave one in each shoe overnight to make them smell fresh in the morning! 

St Michael and All Angels

Michael is an archangel, whose name means ‘who is like unto God?’ He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is ‘one of the princes’ of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael’s cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire) , Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael’s Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein’s famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael’s most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

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	Flower Rotas	
Church Flowers	for	Memorial Flowers
Roz Morris	Sunday 2 Sept	Bridget Stephens
Roz Morris	Sunday 9 Sept	Bridget Stephens
Zara Webb	Sunday 16 Sept	Rosie Hobbs
Zara Webb	Sunday 23 Sept	Rosie Hobbs
Zara Webb	Sunday 30 Sept	Rachael O’Keefe
Pat Wilson & Co	Sunday 7 Oct	Rachael O’Keefe



St Lawrence Sunday School



PROGRAMME UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2007

Tues 11 Sept Planning Meeting (at Beryl’s 20:00)

Sun 16 Sept Sunday School Elsbeth & Helen
Paul and Barnabas

Our Sunday School meets in St Lawrence School at 09:45 on the dates shown
All children are welcome — Bring Mum or Dad as well!!!

For further information, contact Hilary Darque (453929) or Beryl Storey (451510)

The Vicar’s Page

If August was the month for *holidays* (for some!), September might be said to be the month of *forms*. So here are three thoughts about some different kinds of forms, not in any particular order of importance:-

Children and students moving to a different form (or class/year as it is often known) – or even a different school. It’s hard for those of us who are adults to put ourselves into a child’s mind (though Jesus says that unless we do, we’ll not be able to enter his kingdom), but every year having to settle in with a new set of peers isn’t easy. So let’s remember to spare more than one thought for the children, their teachers and their families. And then a prayer thought for ourselves: If we encourage change on our children, how far do we adults remain ready for change – which is what life is about?

Tax forms: anyone having to return one will surely not need reminding that it is due by 30th September. But what do we think, as we fill in numbers which will result in us possibly paying more tax this year than last year? What do we feel about taxes – a (necessary) burden? Or do we sometimes give thanks for the benefits that we receive from there being a common purse? High expenditure on defence isn’t a popular topic – but where would we be if the nation were not properly defended? Where would we be if there were no NHS, which ought to be thanked a lot more than it seems to be? St Paul told his readers in Rome (see Romans 13:1 and following verses) – and we recall that the Roman state was harsh, brutal and definitely not friendly to his readers who would not acknowledge Caesar as god – that “everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established.” Really? Yet I think then of places where there is no submission to the imperfect authorities – and we look to places where there is civil unrest, or even Iraq, and I see that even imperfect human governments have their place within God’s order. “This is also why you pay taxes ….” (Rom 13: 6-7)

Form-filing in general. I have just completed checking and countersigning an application for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. Do you see such a procedure as yet another example of unnecessary bureaucracy, or is it a needed help to provide security for the more vulnerable members of our society? Of course the CRB-system isn’t perfect – but given that there are (and always have been!) ne’er-do-wells in our midst, a relatively simple and painless way of helping to reduce the numbers who have opportunity to harm is surely worth-while. It is a fact that in my 11 years in these parishes there have been two attempts by people to become involved in our parish life whom the system has flagged up as unsuitable – so there is a need even in nice areas like Sevenoaks and its surrounding villages.

With all blessings for good thoughts about forms,

Michael

IMPORTANT - October Parish Magazine

I shall be away on holiday from 16 to 23 September and want to get the magazine completed before I go. It would be helpful if you could let me have your copy for the October issue one week earlier, ie by not later than 08:00 on Wednesday 12 September. Many thanks. Ed

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Thank You ...

... to everyone who contributed to the collection at the united service on 22nd July (St Margaret's Patronal Festival). A total of £196.78 (including Gift Aid recoverable) has been sent to Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust.

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Exploring Christianity

"What is the point of my life?"

"Why does a loving God allow suffering?"

Just two of the questions arising from the 7 week course

Starting on 17 September at The White House, Bitchet Green

There is still time to sign up

For details, please call Michael Cooke (761766)

or Gretel Wakeham (761534)

CRABAPPLE JELLY TIME!

(2007 has been a vintage year)

Order now to save disappointment as stocks are limited!!!

(NO AIR MILES!!)

Cost £2.50 per jar.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
THE SEVENOAKS AREA YOUTH TRUST (SAYT)

If anyone has any spare jam jars these would be most welcome

For more details, please contact Tony Webb

story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or Magnificat appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was called Theotokos, The Mother of God, and from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2 February), the Annunciation (25 March), the Assumption (15 August) and her Nativity (8 September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her.

During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).

St Matthew

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ.

In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.



St Lawrence Harvest Celebrations

Harvest Supper

Saturday 6th October at 7 pm

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 7th October at 9.45 am

The Harvest Supper is always a very enjoyable community occasion and all are warmly invited to come. The supper will be held on Saturday 6th October at 7.00 pm in St Lawrence Village Hall – do come! Tickets (£8 adults, £4 children under 12) need to be bought in advance and can be obtained from Elspeth Cooke (761766) or Gretel Wakeham (716534). Profits from the evening will be donated to “**FARM AFRICA**”.

The following day, Sunday, 7th October the **Harvest Festival Service** will be an All-age service at 9.45 am at St Lawrence Church. **Please do come!** **Collections will be for RDM, India.**

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From the Registers

2nd August Thanksgiving service for the late Joan Macfarlane Rice, late of Stake Cottage, Godden Green, who died aged 91. We extend to her family our deepest sympathy in their loss.



10th August Burial of Ashes of the late Janet Wood, who in 2006 had died in Redhill aged 65. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Laura and her wider family.

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Saints and Saints’ Days

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due hyperdulia, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or latria, due to God alone.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the

Church Textile News

The new Altar Rail Kneeler

It is now over a month since the new altar rail kneeler was installed in the church and from the middle of August the two matching smaller sanctuary kneelers will also be in position, so completing the set which have been expertly woven for us by Philip Sanderson, the design director at West Dean Tapestry Studio. The new kneelers have been much admired but as with all new and different fixtures, there have been a few critical comments. The style of the kneelers is contemporary which does not meet with everyone’s approval, but the colours sit perfectly in the peaceful surroundings of our lovely church.

If you have not been to see them yet, then do make a visit to reflect and consider the messages within the design of the kneelers. Be drawn nearer to read the text which relates to the rural nature of the surrounding countryside, the church family, the wider community and the cycle of life.

Other Kneeler News

The stitching group meet each Tuesday afternoon to stitch and enjoy each other’s company. Work on the two new high kneelers for the congregation and the Minister’s seat cushion and kneeler, which have been funded by donations in memory of Philip Attenborough, is still progressing well. There are photographs of our progress on these designs and some of the stitchers on the notice board at the back of the church.

And finally, the conservation and cleaning of the existing congregational kneelers and other church textiles is almost complete and most have now been returned.

Roz Morris

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Cake Stall for Christian Aid

Could you bake a cake for the stall which Christian Aid will be having at Riverhead Carnival on **Sunday 23rd September**? If you would like to do so, contributions would be thankfully received at the Vicarage during the week beforehand. Offers of help to man the stall for half-an-hour or so in the afternoon would also be very welcome – just have a word with me.

Holding a stall at a public event helps to fulfil two of the aims of the local Christian Aid committee – to raise public awareness of Christian Aid’s work and to raise money to enable poor communities to build better lives. So please help support this good cause. Thank you.

Elspeth Cooke

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United Songs of Praise: 10:30 am, Sunday 30th September

This Sunday is a 5th Sunday in the month, for which we have no regular plan. We have therefore scheduled a united service at St Margaret’s for both our churches – it is your opportunity to choose that hymn you feel we never sing, or which you’d like sung more frequently. Please let me have your suggestions by no later than 6pm on Sunday 16th – this timing lets me sort them into a good order and enables the choirs to rehearse.

The only other service that day in either church will be a said service of Holy Communion at St Lawrence’s at 6pm.

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WEA Courses

The Sevenoaks and District Branch of the Workers Education Association are pleased to offer the following courses on their “Try before you Buy” arrangement:- Literature; Astronomy; Creative writing; Women’s Studies (incl. Women in Art and Photography); Kentish History; English Art and Architecture 1900-2000; Historic Buildings, Settlements and Landscapes. Other courses, including a day school on Anna Atkins of Halstead, the world’s first photographic illustrator, run at other local centres.

Further details from Joycel Allen (Branch Secretary) (01959) 522915.

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3rd Sencio Charity Golf Day to raise money for SAYT and 121 Befrienders

Thursday 20 September at Lullingstone Golf Course. £39.50 inc 18 holes, breakfast and lunch. Don’t play golf? Well how about having a go at Pitch and Putt instead.

More information from Sue Baldwin 01732 459075

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Thank You, David

Our organist David Walton is moving to Surrey – which means he is standing down after over 9 years on St Lawrence’s organ bench. We say a big thank you to him (his last formal service for us will be 9:45am on Sunday 2nd September), and we wish him and his wife Clara every joy as they busy themselves with grandchild(ren), and for David hopefully a new organist post in Surrey. Thank you, David!

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Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust: Update

The good news is that Jane Down (one of our Youth Workers) will have been married on 1st September. We wish her all great happiness with Frederik.

The bad news is that this means Jane is moving away from the Sevenoaks area – and she has therefore resigned from SAYT. We will miss her greatly, and she us. The Trustees are now actively involved in recruiting for her replacement: this is a 50/50 job-share between SAYT and Kemsing Parish Church.

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Prayer Points for this month

- All involved in the livestock and meat industries (farmers, butchers, wholesalers, transport) following the foot-and-mouth outbreak;
- SAYT’s ongoing work, and for Judith carrying the workload on her own;
- Success in finding one or more organists prepared to play the organ for St Lawrence’s;
- Pupils and teachers as they start a new term, with changed forms.

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A Good Home for Hymnbooks

At last, we are delighted to report that a good home has been found for some 50 hymnbooks (“Ancient & Modern Revised”, words only) formerly used at St Lawrence’s. As part of his work with Churches Together in Kent Michael gets sent the Canterbury diocesan leaflet, where there was an advert from the Revd Allan Palanna, currently studying for a M Phil at Canterbury University, on behalf of his home congregation in India. Our no-longer-used hymnbooks are now on their way to St. Paul’s Church, Mangalore (Church of South India, Karnataka Southern Diocese), and we hope there will be opportunity soon for Allan to visit St Lawrence’s and tell us of life in his home congregation.