

*Services at St Margaret's Underriver  
during July 2010*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 July</b>	11:15	Family Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11 July</b>	08:00	Holy Communion (said)	<b>BCP</b>
		18:00	Evensong (with hymns and canticles)	<b>BCP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18 July</b>	10:30	Sunday Club met in the Village Hall	
		11:15	Short Family Service for all God's children	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25 July</b>	11:15	St Margaret's Patronal Festival Parish Communion (with hymns)	<b>CW</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 August</b>	11:15	Youth Service at Underriver Farm (Details planned by the Youth Group)	

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

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**Services and Events at  
The Church of St Lawrence Seal Chart  
during July 2010**



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 July</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b> 08:00 Holy Communion (said) <b>BCP</b> Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church) Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8 July</b>	<b>Prayer Time for both Parishes</b> (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At Thrums, Vines Lane, Hildenborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11 July</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b> 09:45 Family Communion (with hymns) <b>CW</b> Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17 July</b>	<b>St Lawrence School Concert</b> 19:30 In the Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18 July</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b> 08:00 Holy Communion (said) <b>CW</b> Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42 09:45 All Age Family Service Luke 10: 38-42
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22 July</b>	<b>St Lawrence School Leavers Service</b> 09:30 In the Church 14:00 <b>Prayer Time for both Parishes</b> (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) In the Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25 July</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b> 11:15 St Margaret's Patronal Festival - At St Margaret's) A United Service of Parish Communion for both our parishes 18:00 Evening Prayer (said) <b>BCP</b> Genesis 18: 20-32 Luke 11: 1-13
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 August</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b> 08:00 Holy Communion (said) <b>CW</b> Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21 09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church) Luke 12: 13-21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2 August</b>	<b>Prayer Time for both Parishes</b> (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) 14:00 At Shepherd's Cottage, Heaverham Road, Kemsing

BCP = Book of Common Prayer - a service using traditional (17th C) language and form  
CW = Common Worship - a service using contemporary (21st C) language and form



**Flower Rota for Church Flowers**



Sunday	4 July	Jean Stirling
Sunday	11 July	Audrey Ellis-Gibbons
Sunday	18 July	Audrey Ellis-Gibbons
Sunday	25 July	Wedding
Sunday	1 August	Gill Beynon

**ANYONE FOR TENNIS?**

**St Lawrence Lawn Tennis Club, Stone Street**

The lawn court, next to the cricket pitch at Bitchet Green, will be available for use shortly and new members are most welcome.

The membership fees are as follows:

Adults £13; Students £6; Family: £25; Family and Friends: £28

The net and balls are kept in the hut; we will notify you of the padlock combination number when we receive your cheque. *Please note that insurance is your responsibility.*

**HELP REQUIRED IF WE ARE TO KEEP THIS FACILITY!**

We hope you will join and enjoy using the court. If anyone would like to help, on a rota basis, in looking after the court, please contact Ian Lister.

We look forward to seeing you during the Summer.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Lister

Wildwood, Bitchet Green, Sevenoaks, TN15 0ND

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**St. Lawrence Tennis Club 2010**

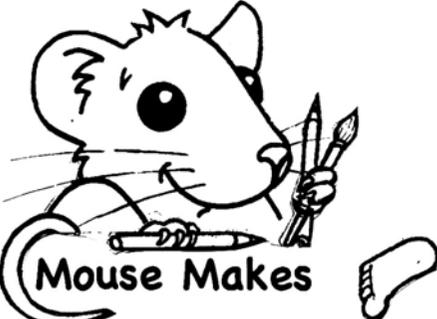
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Please make cheque to "St. Lawrence Tennis Club" c/o Ian Lister at the above address.



**Mouse Makes**

**"Do as I have done for you"**  
 The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty, dirty feet.



Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples feet just like a servant would do.

Then Jesus 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 I have done for you".*

By washing his disciples feet Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.  
**Read this story in John 13:1-17**



**Lord Jesus help me to walk with you each day and to do the things you want me to do. Amen**

To make the footprint bible bookmark glue onto card, colour then cut out. Make a tassel from wool or ribbon and tie to the top.

**The Vicar's Page**

How many of us share with me very mixed thoughts about the Football World Cup? On the positive side, I am English and will obviously be delighted if our national team does well. Great skills are being displayed, and there are already some wonder goals (both taken and given away!) which will be talked about for years to come. And it's certainly true that inter-national rivalry and competition is better sorted out on a football field than on a battlefield – which is how the pecking order of nations and personal egos used to be decided. It's also brilliant that from Africa, the birthplace of humanity, a once ostracised nation can revel in the honour of hosting the games – and to date with such evident success.

But – and it is a big but – I feel really upset at the amount of time, column-inches, and cost that the World Cup is generating to the exclusion of other vital issues. Whether it is a flag for your car or house, whether it is whole aisles in your supermarket devoted to England clothing or other memorabilia, or the added opportunity to place a bet, it seems to me that football mania is clouding our nation's and the world's real priorities. Vast amounts of money have been spent to benefit the few, while scourges like Aids are expected to rise dramatically. Nor am I sure that even if England were to do really well I really want the kind of repeat-after-repeat showing that Geoff Hurst's goals in the 1966 World Cup success engendered, let alone if the team fail endless pictures akin to Gazza's tears or missed penalty shootouts.

As I write, we are about to be affected by one of the most austere periods in a generation. Even if your savings or mine were sufficient to withstand higher taxes and/or lower services, and therefore you or I will not be appear to be personally suffering, millions of others will be. And if one suffers, then whether we recognise it or not, if we are at all nationalistic – let alone human - we all are affected. The only way tens of billions of pounds can be saved is either cutting out future projects (which means those companies and people who provide them are redundant), or directly by reducing headcount – again redundancies. All of which means that across our land – and overseas – people are going to be losing their jobs and with it much of their own and their wider family's material futures. Meantime, in Gaza, Afghanistan and parts of Africa cruel life and sudden death continue, to mankind's shame, and yet largely airbrushed by football mania from the news.

Football may be fun, give millions entertainment and bring in good advertising revenues, but it is not an ingredient of long-term salvation for anyone – else it would surely be in the Bible! The World Cup will come and go, its excitement short lived and - after it's all over - the world is still left with very real and perhaps greater problems. Contrast this with the everlasting delight and excitement to be found in the world-transforming and transcending God, who is here to support all of us not only as we revel and rejoice, but also through life's difficulties. *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end."* (Lamentations 3:22)

With love and blessings,

Michael

***Contributed by John***

One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class was walking home from school His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, “Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd.”

I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him.

He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses and I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, “Those guys are jerks, they really should get lives.”

He looked at me and said, “Hey thanks.” There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived.

As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before, but we talked all the way home and I carried some of his books.

He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play a little football with my friends and he said yes.

We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same of him. Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, “Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day.” He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor and I was going for a football scholarship.

Kyle was valedictorian of our class. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. On graduation day I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school.

He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Boy, sometimes I was jealous! Today was one of those days.

rewarding is that total sense of movement and dance. Wilfred Mellers wrote a book ‘Bach and the Dance of God,’ showing how so much of Bach’s music is dance-inspired from lively gavottes to more stately sarabandes that can be heard in both the instrumental and choral music. Widor, like Bach a great organist, wrote that ‘For me Bach is the greatest of preachers.’

And what does he preach? That in the end, all is dance and life in the power of God’s Spirit. In ‘Jesu, meine Freude’ as in all his music we hear and relish the movement and pulse of his compositions that open up for us a world where all is joy and dance. That is how Dante ended his vision of Paradise, where everything is movement and dance, and what moves the sun and the other stars is love.

*Rev Michael Burgess*

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***What is in your attic?***

Britain is a nation of hoarders – we’ve got £31 billion of goods we never use, just cluttering up our homes. That works out to about £581 per person.

A recent study has found that two thirds of us hold on to everyday household items that we never use. We carefully stash away our spare DVDs, CDs, toasters, music equipment, clothes and computer games. The research, by the website Gumtree.com, indicates that 12 per cent of us feel unsure of how actually to best get rid of our unwanted possessions, or how much they are worth.

Ecclesiastes observes: “there is a time to keep and a time to throw away” (3:6b).....happy is the person who can discern when the time has come for a clear-out!

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***Beware your family tree***

How much do you know about your family tree? Many of us would like to find out more... but beware: your ancestors and extended relations may not be the sort of people you want anything to do with!

Now sociologists are warning people who take up genealogy that they may turn up some very unpleasant things indeed. Delving into your ancestry can open up “a Pandora’s box” of secrets that can reopen old wounds, shatter illusions, and even lead to bitter rows.

A sociologist with Warwick University has found that one in eight families get into conflict when they dig too deep into their pasts. “The rifts are not confined to the historic past – bitterness and resentment towards siblings or parents can result where information is not disclosed.”

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***From the Registers at St Lawrence's***

24 May Funeral of the late James (Jim) Edward Bartram Kiddell, who died aged 88. We extend to Robin our deepest sympathy on her great loss.

12 June Burial of Ashes of the late Lt Col Francis (Frank) Arthur Coombe. We continue to remember Sue and all her family at this time.



***Christian Aid Collection in St Lawrence's Parish***

Thank you so much to those who delivered and collected the envelopes for this year's house-to-house collection, and to those who contributed. The excellent total of £1,402.19 was collected, and because 56 people completed Gift Aid slips, a further £230.97 of tax is reclaimable by Christian Aid, making a grand total of £1,633.16.



***Glorious the song when God's the theme: J S Bach's joy and dance***

In 1956 a small novel by a German writer, Johannes Rüber, appeared in an English translation. It was called 'Bach and the Heavenly Choir' and tells of Pope Gregory XIX's desire to elevate Bach to the ranks of the saints. To bring together the Lutheran bishop and his own cardinals, he organizes a great Bach festival in Rome. At the festival he announces his plan and the reasoning behind it: that in J S Bach 'faith has become music.'

In that realization lies the grace and glory of Bach's achievement, and why we treasure his works today. The irony is that the bulk of his music was never published in his lifetime. The six Brandenburg Concerti, beautifully copied out and offered, were never performed and the music put in a cupboard. His music in all probability would have been lost for ever had it not been for a young Mendelssohn, who just happened to find a manuscript of the St Matthew Passion in his music teacher's house. He recognized it for its brilliancy and beauty and ordered a massive search to unearth the decaying manuscripts.

Last month we saw how so much of Bach's music is inspired by his joy in believing. Out of that treasure house, this month I would like to focus on one of the six motets, 'Jesu, meine Freude' (Jesus, my joy). It was probably written for a memorial service in July 1723. In his other works, freude, or 'joy', releases new movement. In this motet, the word is kept within the constraints of the chorale melody that acts as a framework for the motet. The word that brings a joyous release is Geist, Spirit – when it appears, then each voice joins in the chase as notes spill over the page and into our ears, proclaiming the inspiration of God's Spirit in human life.

This spirit of joy helps us realize that what makes his music so vital and

I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great." He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat and began "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story."

I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told of the first time we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his Ma wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable."

I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life. For better or for worse. God puts us all in each others lives to impact one another in some way.

Look for God in others.

"Friends are angels who lift us to, our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

There is no beginning or end. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift from God.



***St Lawrence and St Margaret's Garden Party***

We are now delighted to be able to report the financial result - a surplus of £2,633.75, which will be divided as equally as possible between the parishes. Again, thank you everybody who came and who contributed to the success of the afternoon. Thank you also to those six people who sponsored the Punch and Judy Show.



***Attention, All Children!!***

Please let your grown ups know that from Sunday, 19 September, Sunday School will be at 9.45 a.m.

Come along for exciting bible stories, songs, fun crafts and great activities – don't miss out on all the fun!

*Celeste*

### ***Sunday School Teachers at St Lawrence***

We would love to welcome some new Sunday School teachers into our very friendly team. If you enjoy interacting with children (between the ages of 3 – 10) to encourage them to learn about Jesus, are creative and enjoy preparing fun bible lessons, crafts, and a variety of activities that encourage continued learning, then please contact Hilary Darque on 01732 453929. *Celeste*

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### ***All in the month of July***

It was....

250 years ago: on 8 July 1760 that the British defeated the French in the last naval battle in New France, Canada.

225 years ago: on 6 July 1785 that the US Congress adopted the dollar as the official monetary unit of the USA.

150 years ago: - on 7 July 1860 that Gustav Mahler, Austrian composer and conductor, was born.

125 years ago: - on 20 July 1885 that British football clubs were allowed to employ professional players for the first time, provided they had been born locally or had lived there two years.

100 years ago: - on 12 July 1910 that Charles Stewart Rolls, British driver, aviator and car manufacturer, co-founder of Rolls-Royce, first person to fly across the Channel and back non-stop, became also the first British pilot to die in a plane crash.

80 years ago: - on 13 July 1930 that the first FIFA Football World Cup was held in Uruguay.

75 years ago: - on 30 July 1935 that the first ten Penguin paperback books went on sale in Britain.

60 years ago: - on 5 July 1950 that the first clash between American and North Korean forces took place – and the Korean War was underway.

Also 60 years ago: - on 11 July 1950 that the BBC’s children’s TV show ‘Andy Pandy’ was first broadcast.

50 years ago: - on 4 July 1960 that the 50-star United States flag, newly updated to include Hawaii, made its debut in Philadelphia.

30 years ago: - on 5 July 1980 that the Swedish tennis player Bjorn Borg won the Wimbledon singles championship for a record fifth consecutive time.

25 years ago: - on 7 July 1985 that the German tennis player Boris Becker, aged became the youngest ever men’s singles champion at Wimbledon, and the first unseeded player to win.

20 years ago: on 21 July 1990 that more than 150,000 people attended ‘The Wall’, a rock concert in East Berlin to celebrate the dismantling of the Berlin Wall.

15 years ago: - on 4 July 1995 that British Prime Minister John Major won the Conservative Party leadership election against John Redwood, and remained leader.

Also 15 years ago: - on 16 July 1995 that Amazon.com opened its website to the public.

10 years ago: - on 23 July 2000 that American golfer Tiger Woods, aged 24, became the youngest player to win the Grand Slam.

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### ***Special Services and Events in July***

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> our sister parish St Margaret’s celebrates its Patronal Festival, where we are all invited o a special service at 11:15 am. Our two choirs will combine, and make even extra good harmony together. The only service that day in St Lawrence’s will be a said service of Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm

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### ***Prayer Topics for this month***

- For those involved in football – players, manager and coaches, security guards, hoteliers and transport people, and spectators
- Those able to go on holiday – that their time may be full of proper recreation; for those unable to take holiday that they find solace and comfort at home from family and neighbours
- Those preparing for their marriage at St Lawrence’s this summer (as we write, that’s five couples by the end of September)

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### ***Inner Peace***

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,  
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
 If you can relax without liquor,  
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,. . . then you are probably the family dog.