

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



Sunday	5 Sept	11:15	Family Service: Michael and Elspeth's farewell service for St Margaret's Parish	
Sunday	12 Sept	08:00	Holy Communion (said)	BCP
		18:00	Evensong (with hymns and canticles)	BCP
Sunday	19 Sept	10:30	Sunday Club meets in the Village Hall	
		11:15	Short Family Service	
Sunday	26 Sept	11:15	Parish Communion (with hymns)	CW
Sunday	3 Oct	11:15	Harvest Festival	
		12:30	St Margaret's Parish Lunch	

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

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH AND VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Reader - St Lawrence Church - Mrs Gretel Wakeham - 761534

Churchwardens	Hilary Denby-Jones 763883 Celeste Davis-Watling 820190	S'oaks District Councillor Seal Parish Council	Cnclr Peter Coates	
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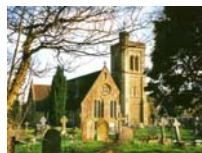
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*Services and Events at
The Church of St Lawrence Seal Chart
during September 2010*



Thursday	2 Sept	Prayer Time for both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At Thrums, Vines Lane, Hildenborough	
Sunday	5 Sept	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (said) BCP Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33 09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church) Michael and Elspeth's farewell service for St Lawrence's Parish Psalm 121 Philipppians 1: 3-11	
Sunday	12 Sept	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Family Communion (with hymns) CW 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10	
Sunday	19 Sept	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (said) CW 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13 09:45 All Age Family Service with Holy Baptism 1 Timothy 2: 1-7	
Tuesday	21 Aug	Prayer Time for both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At The White House, Bitchet Green	
Sunday	26 Sept	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Morning Prayer (with hymns) BCP Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 Luke 16: 19-31	
Saturday	2 Oct	Harvest Supper see details on Page 5	
Sunday	3 Oct	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival Holy Communion (said) BCP 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17: 5-10 09:45 Harvest Festival Deuteronomy 8: 7-11	

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

St Lawrence Coffee Morning

Drop into St Lawrence's Church
for Coffee, Cake and a Chat

First Wednesday of every month during term time at 9 am
ALL WELCOME

For further details contact Hilary Denby-Jones (763883) or Carol Lambert (763415)



St Lawrence Sunday School



17 Oct	09:45	The Creation	Lesley & Lyn
21 Nov	09:45	t b a	Lyn & Hilary

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 Lyn Holness (764210)



Flower Rota for Church Flowers



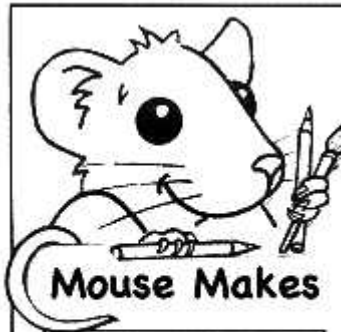
Sunday	5 September	Wedding
Sunday	12 September	Anthea Carlisle
Sunday	19 September	Anthea Carlisle
Sunday	26 September	Wedding
Sunday	3 October	Roz Morris

You can read your Parish Magazine (and lots more besides), If you visit our web site on <http://www.sealstlawrence.org.uk>

Administrative Assistant

We are looking to recruit an assistant to provide administrative services to our 2 parishes for 4 hours per week (2 sessions of 2 hours). The position involves a variety of duties and we are looking for someone with good computer skills.

If you would like further information please contact Celeste Davis-Watling (01732 820190) or Hilary Denby-Jones (01732 763883)



Mouse Makes

Colour this harvest picture then write a prayer of praise and thanks to God.

"Oh God, it is right to praise you in Zion and keep our promises to you, because you answer our prayers....
 You show your care for the land by sending rain;
 you make it rich and fertile.
 You fill the streams with water, you provide the earth with crops....
 What a rich harvest your goodness provides! Wherever you go there is plenty...
 The fields are covered with sheep; the valleys are full of wheat.
Everything shouts and sings for joy."

from Psalm 65



The Vicar's Page

It's my last regular letter of this kind! And if you could see me, I'm quite emotional! (Though be aware: one parishioner did suggest that "this is the occasion for me to write all the things I meant to say but never felt I could" – take that how you will!)

Firstly the biggest thanks possible for all the kindness and support we have received from so many people over the 14+ years that we've been privileged to serve in this parish. Elspeth and I know this is so many ways – sometimes hospitality in your homes, sometimes by messages of encouragement (just occasionally, and rightly, words of helpful critique), sometimes material (ranging from e.g. flowers, soup for when ill, bottles of wine or books for when well, to an unknown-to-us group who contributed together some years ago to help fund our trademark red Agila car), but above all for the love and prayers with which we know you have held us in your hearts. Thank you!

It's for these reasons - and so much more - that we are truly finding it very hard to move on to the next stage in our life. Good friends, as so many of you are, never die in the deepest sense. (At the St Lawrence School Leavers' service in July, our Headteacher Alison Saunders expressed the same sentiments.) Not seeing you on such a frequent or regular basis will indeed be an enormous wrench – and I suspect in many cases the feeling will be mutual. But there will be opportunities to meet from time to time, as Elspeth and I will be back in Tonbridge on a weekly basis to enjoy a one-day-a-week grandparental role. Broadstairs is also not too far away for a trip to the seaside and a very warm welcome will await you at our new home.

And for you? Life will surely continue, albeit somewhat differently. Rightly so!– for life is fundamentally always about change: the day anyone feels comfortable and reckon this is *it*, they are in fact dead in all that really matters. Life is a journey, with constantly new vistas. And this is true for a parish as well as for individuals. Knowing who are your parish representatives charged with helping to identify my successor, I have no doubt that someone more than suitable will be called to be your next parish priest. That person will surely and rightly have some different priorities and skills – but those too will be found to be just what was needed. One aspect of a journey is eventually looking back and seeing that what was problematic at the time made sense afterwards. Meantime, our motto is "Be of good cheer", as Joshua was told as he was about to enter Canaan and make real the Promised Land. Not that Israel as we know it today was the final promised land for anyone. That still lies in the future – but step by step each footprint can be hallowed if taken in response to God's calling. In the coming weeks of vacancy, recognising that divine adjustment from where we are now is perhaps the first priority for us all.

We move on still rejoicing to be friends and companions, and because of that, as Dan Schutte's great modern hymn puts it (see hymn 235 in our hymnbook):-

"I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
 I will hold your people in my heart".

Amen, Amen! And with ongoing love and blessings,

Michael

A Reminder

Did you read page five of the August Parish Magazine?
Are you coming to hear Michael's last sermon at 09:45 on Sunday 5 September?
Are you coming to the Farewell Party in the Village Hall
At 18:00 on Sunday 5 September?

Did you tell Rosemary Cole (01732 763107) that you are coming?
(Most important so that you can be included for catering arrangements)

We look forward to seeing you on both occasions
This is our opportunity to say thank you for fourteen years of ministry

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**Sunday School Teachers at St Lawrence**

As three of our Sunday School teachers are leaving, we will only have 4 leaders remaining and therefore urgently require more helpers. If you think you would enjoy teaching young people between the ages of 3 - 10, are creative and like preparing bible lessons, fun crafts and activities, please contact Hilary Darque on 01732 453929.

Being a Sunday School leader is very rewarding because you are helping a young child get to know God.

*Celeste*

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Prayer Topics for this month

- The 14+ million people affected by the flood in Pakistan – and the 2+ million who have lost everything, and the thousands who have lost loved ones;
- During the vacancy - Those leading our church services, and those providing local leadership, including our PCC and especially our Churchwardens Hilary and Celeste;
- Also during the vacancy - Gretel, who will need all the help the good Lord can give her;
- Those starting school, a new class, or university – and their teachers and parents.

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**Did you know . . . .**

A lemon grown in Kefar Zeitim, Israel, grew to a huge size and weighed in at 5Kg. That would certainly have provided plenty of juice for pancakes!

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**Sponsored "Ride and Stride" with Friends of Kent Churches:
Saturday, 11 September (10am-6pm)**

Help to save churches in Kent! Bicycle or walk, with sponsorship money divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the church or chapel of your choice. As usual St Lawrence's will have refreshments available in our porch for those who pass by. And if you are not riding or walking, could you think of sponsoring someone who would? More details from Hilary Darque (Tel 453929).

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**Recycling Inkjet Cartridges**

Thank you to everyone who has been putting their used inkjet cartridges into the box at the back of the church to be recycled for Christian Aid. From September, I shall not be able to collect the cartridges, so it would be good if you could send off your own cartridges. Go to the website [www.recycle4charity.co.uk](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk) and click on 'Donate your items' to register the charity you wish to support. You can order freepost envelopes to send back cartridges for recycling. You can also recycle mobile phones. Many thanks,

*Elspeth*

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The Book of Common Prayer arrives in the 21st century

Here's good news for anyone who loves the Book of Common Prayer: it is now online.

The Archbishops' Council has added the full text of The Book of Common Prayer to the worship pages of its site at

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/bcp>.

The 1662 Book of Common Prayer is a permanent feature of the Church of England's worship. It is loved by many for the beauty of its language, and its services are widely used. It is also the foundation of a tradition of common prayer and a key source of the Church of England's doctrine. The first official liturgical text in English appeared in 1544 and the first complete Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The book went through several revisions until 1662, since when the wording of its services has remained largely unchanged.

The Book of Common Prayer is in fact one of the three 'historic formularies' of the Church of England, in which its doctrine is to be found (the other two - the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion and the Ordinal - are customarily published in the same volume). It cannot be altered or abandoned without the approval of Parliament.

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There is no sense being pessimistic, it probably wouldn't work anyway.

### ***All in the month of September***

300 years ago: - on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1710 that Abraham Trembley, the Swiss naturalist was born. He carried out some of the earliest research on tissue regeneration and grafting - by studying the hydra.

250 years ago: on 8 Sept 1760 that the French surrendered Canada to the British, and the Seven Years' War was over.

Also 175 years ago: on 15 Sept 1835, that Charles Darwin, the British naturalist, arrived in the Galapagos Islands aboard 'HMS Beagle'.

Also 100 years ago: on 12 Sept 1910, that Alice Stebbins Wells was appointed the world's first policewoman (in Los Angeles)

90 years ago: on 16 Sept 1920 that a terrorist bombed Wall Street, using a horse-drawn wagon. At least 38 people were killed and 300 – 400 were injured.

80 years ago: on 2 Sept 1930 that two French aviators made the first ever non-stop transatlantic flight, from Paris to New York.

Also 80 years ago: on 24 Sept 1930 that Noel Coward's play 'Private Lives' was first performed, at the Phoenix Theatre, London.

75 years ago: on 3 Sept 1935 that British racing driver Malcolm Campbell set a new world land speed record of 301.13 mph in 'Bluebird' at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, USA.

Also 75 years ago: on 15 Sept 1935 that the Nuremberg Laws were enacted. German Jews were stripped of their citizenship and the swastika became the official symbol of Nazi Germany.

70 years ago: on 4 Sept 1940 that CBS made the first ever colour TV broadcast in the USA from its experimental station W2XAB in New York.

on 7 Sept 1940 that the Blitz began. Germany launched a sustained bombing campaign on London.

on 23 Sept 1940 that the George Cross, Britain's highest civil decoration, was instituted by King George VI to recognise acts of heroism.

60 years ago: on 29 Sept 1950 that Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York tested the first automatic telephone answering machine.

40 years ago: on 6 Sept 1970 that Palestinian terrorists hijacked four New York-bound passenger jets over western Europe.

25 years on: on 1<sup>st</sup> 1985 that the wreck of the 'RMS Titanic' was found in the Atlantic, 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, 73 years after it sank.

10 years ago: on 8 Sept 2000 that the UK fuel protests took place. Road hauliers blockaded oil refineries across the country to protest against the rising cost of fuel for vehicles. Within days, disruption was widespread and petrol stations ran out of fuel.



## **St Lawrence Harvest Supper in the Village Hall**



**on Saturday 2nd October at 7:00 pm**

This is always an enjoyable community event and everyone is welcome.

It is an enormous help to the organisers if you can get your tickets at least two weeks beforehand, so if you are planning to come, please contact

Rosemary Cole (Tel. 763107) or Ron Drury (Tel: 810214)  
or Carol Lambert (Tel: 763415)

to book your ticket and so reserve your place.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children under 12.

This includes a two course meal, and entertainment  
A bar will be available and families including children are most welcome.

**On the following day  
Sunday 3rd October**

**we shall be celebrating our Harvest Festival  
in St Lawrence Church at 9:45 am**

**Please do come - You will be most welcome**

**Harvest  
BEER  
Festival**

**PADWELL ARMS**

Stone Street, near Seal, Kent TN15 0LQ

**September 17th & 18th**  
[and 19th if there is still any beer]

**11:00am to closing time**

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**CAMRA award winning ales and ciders  
from selected Kentish Breweries**

**Morris Sides, Folk and Rock music**

**Tickets £11.00 in advance or £14.00 on the day  
to include ten half-pints of beer**

**Available from The Padwell Arms or call 07764 344 800**

*From the Registers*

- 24 July Marriage by Banns of Duncan Sinclair and Georgina Frances Leathers  
15 August Baptism of Marek Arthur Ostrowski, infant son of Max and Sara of Stone Street

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Thank You so much ...

... to everyone who contributed to the following special collection:-

25th July, at the united service at St Margaret's for their Patronal Service, where a total of £225 was given to which £40.90 of recoverable Gift Aid was added, making a total of £265.90 sent to the Hospice in the Weald

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*Pakistan Flood Appeal*

We have read in our newspapers and heard on the television that this is the worst flooding in 80 years, caused by heavy monsoon rain over much of Pakistan. At the time of going to print, around 1,600 people have died, more than 2 million people have been forced from their homes, and 14 (or is it 20?) million people affected in one way or another .....

Please be aware that if you wish to give money to such needy causes, please do so through major official channels or directly via the Disaster Emergency Committee's website at: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk) Alternatively you can telephone the DEC Pakistan Appeal 24-hour hotline on: 0370 60 60 9000.

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Sevenoaks & District Branch of the W.E.A. - Courses 2010-2011

Workers Educational Association courses of 10 or 20 weeks will start again in the weeks beginning September 27th 2010 and January 17th 2011. Courses include Literature ("Winter journeys" and "Monstrous regiment of Women", Creative writing, History ("Medieval Landscapes and Settlements", and From Castle to Council House"), Art ("Gauguin the Exotic and Symbolism", and "The History of Dutch Art"), and "Women in Words". There will also a Day School ("Rehearsing Shakespeare") on 13th November. Details are to be found in the brochure, together with a booking form and this is available in your local library if you have not already been sent one, or on the web site www.weaeastkent.org. You can also ring for further details on courses or to book in advance: Dorothy Palmer (01959) 522936.

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Most new books are forgotten within a year, especially by those who have borrowed them.