

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



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|----------------|---------------|----------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>3 Oct</b>  | 11:15<br>12:30 | Harvest Festival<br>St Margaret's Parish Lunch                      |                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>10 Oct</b> | 08:00<br>18:00 | Holy Communion (said)<br>Evensong (with hymns)                      | <b>BCP<br/>BCP</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>17 Oct</b> | 10:00<br>11:15 | Sunday Club meets in the Village Hall<br>Special Children's Service |                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>24 Oct</b> | 11:15          | Parish Communion (with hymns)                                       | <b>CW</b>          |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>31 Oct</b> | 09:45          | Celebration of All Saints Day at St Lawrence                        |                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>2 Oct</b>  | 20:00          | Joint Service for All Souls Day                                     |                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>7 Nov</b>  | 11:15          | Family Communion  | <b>CW</b>          |

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

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH AND VILLAGE CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge - St Lawrence Church - vacancy**

**Reader - St Lawrence Church - Mrs Gretel Wakeham - 761534**

|                                      |   |   |                              |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Churchwardens                        | Hilary Denby-Jones 763883<br>Celeste Davis-Watling 820190 | Sevens District Councillor<br>Seal Parish Council | Cnclr Peter Coates           |
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**St Lawrence, Seal Chart Parish Magazine  
October 2010**



*Priest in Charge*

[Vacancy]

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



|                  |               |  |  |
|------------------|---------------|--|--|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>2 Oct</b>  | <b>Harvest Supper</b><br>19:00 see details on Page 5   |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>3 Oct</b>  | <b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival</b><br>08:00 Holy Communion (said) <b>BCP</b><br>2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10<br>09:45 Harvest Festival<br>Deuteronomy 8: 7-11            |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>5 Oct</b>  | <b>Prayer Time for both Parishes</b> (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins)<br>10:00 At Shepherd's Cottage, Kemsing Road, Heaverham   |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10 Oct</b> | <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b><br>09:45 Family Communion (with hymns) <b>CW</b><br>2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19  |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>17 Oct</b> | <b>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b><br>08:00 Holy Communion (said) <b>CW</b><br>2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8<br>09:45 All Age Family Service (with Sunday School)<br>Psalm 121 Luke 18: 1-8 |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>20 Oct</b> | <b>Prayer Time for both Parishes</b> (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins)<br>14:00 At The White House, Bitchet Green  |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>24 Oct</b> | <b>Last Sunday after Trinity—Bible Sunday</b><br>09:45 Morning Prayer (with hymns) <b>BCP</b><br>Isaiah 45: 22-25 Luke 4: 16-24  |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>31 Oct</b> | <b>All Saints Sunday</b><br>09:45 Celebration for All Saints Day - Joint Service at St Lawrence<br>Ephesians 1: 11-23 Luke 6: 20-31  |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>2 Nov</b>  | <b>All Souls Day -</b><br>20:00 Joint Service at St Margaret's Underriver<br>Wisdom 3: 1-9 John 11: 17-27 Revelation 7: 9-17   |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>4 Nov</b>  | <b>Prayer Time for both Parishes</b> (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins)<br>10:00 At Thrums, Vines Lane, Hildenborough   |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>7 Nov</b>  | <b>Third Sunday before Advent</b><br>08:00 Holy Communion (said) <b>BPC</b><br>2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38<br>09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church)<br>Matthew 22: 15-22      |  |

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



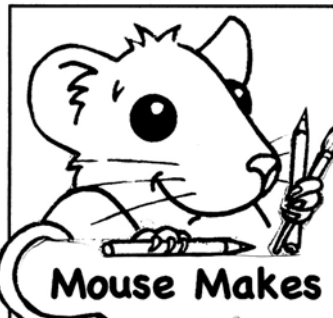
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| Sunday | 3 October  | Roz Morris                     |
| Sunday | 10 October | Roz Morris                     |
| Sunday | 17 October | Pat Wilson                     |
| Sunday | 24 October | Pat Wilson                     |
| Sunday | 31 October | Bridget Stevens                |
| Sunday | 7 November | Bridget Stevens & Beryl Storey |

### From your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators

**When contacting the Police in West Kent**

**Emergency only - 999**

**Police required but not an emergency - 01732 771055**  
**Reporting a crime (Police not required) - 01622 690690**



**Mouse Makes**

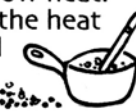
"O LORD my GOD how great you are!  
Lord, you have made many things!  
How wisely you made them all!  
The earth is filled with your creatures.  
All of them depend on you to give  
them food when they need it.  
You give it to them, and they eat it;  
you provide food,  
and they are satisfied.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
as long as I live I will sing  
praises to my GOD."  
... from Psalm 104

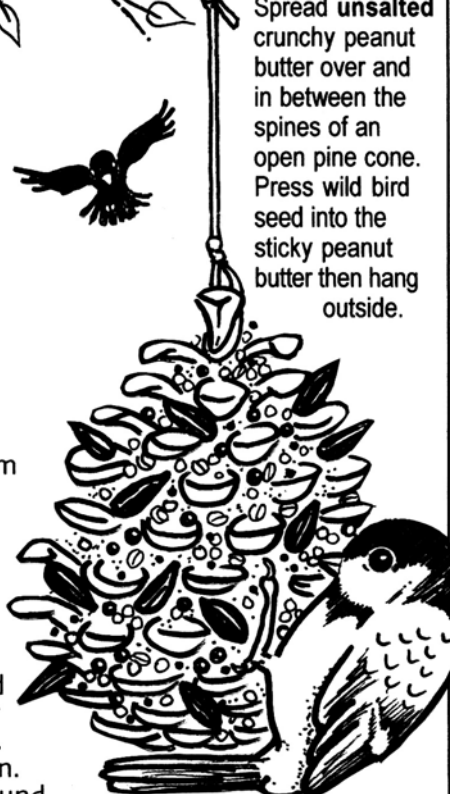

Although God provides  
food for all his creatures,  
it is fun to leave food out  
for the birds and then watch  
to see how many different  
birds come  
to feed.

Spread **unsalted**  
crunchy peanut  
butter over and  
in between the  
spines of an  
open pine cone.  
Press wild bird  
seed into the  
sticky peanut  
butter then hang  
outside.

Buy a bag of **wild bird seed** from  
a pet shop. Ask an **adult** to help  
you to melt a block of **lard** in a  
saucepan over a low heat.  
Take the pan off the heat  
and stir in several  
handfuls of the  
bird seed.



Leave to cool a little until the lard  
mix is mouldable, then using your  
hands make into apple sized balls.  
Leave to harden.  
Wind string around  
each ball and hang outside for the birds.

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**Dear Friends of St. Lawrence's**

As you will know Michael has now retired after over 14 years of service to our parish and at the centre of this magazine is a tribute to both Michael and Elspeth. It has been sent to all those on the electoral roll and is also on our website.

During the interregnum the church wardens, supported by the PCC and other volunteers within the parish, will endeavour to ensure that services run as normal. Very importantly we retain the existing cycle of 8am and 9.45am services, with support from locum priests and readers as well as our own reader, Gretel Wakeham officiating. We are very grateful to Gretel for the support she is giving to the parish in this period. Locums have all now been booked for services up to and including Christmas and one date for your diary: The Venerable, Clive Mansell, the Archdeacon will be preaching on 10th October.

There is much to do during an interregnum and the PCC have worked hard to try and ensure that all the things that Michael and Elspeth did, are covered in the period. Communicating with us should also be straightforward; Michael's personal email has been replaced with an email address for St. Lawrence Church which is [info@stlawrencechurch.com](mailto:info@stlawrencechurch.com). This will be checked by the admin assistant or church wardens and can also be utilised by the new incumbent. We will be publishing it on the website and also on the weekly pew sheets. On going to press we are still interviewing for an administrative assistant but we are confident that someone will soon be in place.

If you have an enquiry, your first point of contact can always be us, the church wardens, and if necessary we will direct you to the person who has taken over a particular task. For funerals and baptisms the first point of contact should be Gretel Wakeham with, of course, the church wardens as back-ups. In the case of weddings please contract the church wardens directly.

The Parish Plan has now been completed and a few copies are available at the back of the church to look at. The parish plan is just an overview of the parish to give an applicant an idea about the position, but much more important will be the interviews and visits to the parish. Once the parish plan is finished it is the Archdeacon who is responsible for placing an advertisement, but also very importantly he discusses our position with his colleagues in the Rochester diocese to see if there are any candidates in Kent who may be suitable. It should be remembered that this is the route through which Michael came to our Parish.

We hope that the interregnum will be as short as possible, and we ask for your forbearance, if at times things don't run quite as smoothly as when Michael was here!

With best wishes,

The Church Wardens



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

**'HAY FEVER' by Noel Coward**

**Presented by the Sevenoaks Players**

**The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks. 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

'Hay Fever' was written by Noel Coward in just three days and won praise from both audiences and critics when it was first performed in 1925. Best described as a cross between high farce and comedy of manners, the play is set in the 1920s, in the hall of the Gliss family's English country house. We meet the eccentric family: Judith - a recently retired stage actress, her husband David - a self-absorbed novelist and their two equally unconventional children. Chaos ensues when each invites [unknown to the others!] a guest for the weekend. These unfortunates are repeatedly thrown into melodramatic situations and the self-centred and bizarre behaviour of the hosts finally drives them to furtively depart. Directed by Doreen Pascall.

|                            |     |                        |        |
|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|--------|
| Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat evenings | 8pm | Saturday matinee       | 2.30pm |
| Wed evening/Sat matinee    | £10 | Thurs/Fri/Sat evenings | £12    |

A booking of 10 tickets, one additional ticket FREE

Box Office 01732 450175

***It was not St Lawrence!!!***

A vicar went into his local pet shop to ask for some help. "I need at least 50 mice, 2,000 ants and as many of those little silverfish that you can get."

The pet shop owner was startled. "We can probably do that, but it might take some time. Mind if I ask why you are placing such an unusual order?"

The vicar shrugged. "It's simple. I've accepted a call to another church, and the church council told me to leave the parsonage the way I found it."

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***Editor's Notes***

The cover picture is a copy of the picture presented to Michael and Elspeth and is reproduced with kind permission of the artist, Marianne Cox.

When Michael arrived, some fourteen years ago, he set up the St Lawrence Parish Web Site which has thrived and grown considerably as time has passed. It is with great pleasure that we can now welcome another computer buff, Rob Otto, onto the scene as he takes as web master with responsibility for our web site at

**[www.sealstlawrence.org.uk](http://www.sealstlawrence.org.uk)**

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***Bible Sunday – 24 October***

Thousands of people in Tanzania are now reading the Bible for the first time, thanks to Bible Society’s work to put God’s Word into their own language.

For years, 33 year-old farmer Josephine Mkala-Mungi, had to use a Bible written in Swahili, but now she has been set free to read the New Testament in Kikagulu, her mother tongue.

‘It feels as if God is my best friend because he is now speaking to me directly,’ she said.

For this year’s Bible Sunday, on 24 October, the Bible Society will be asking churchgoers across the UK to support Bible translation work in Tanzania and to think about how the Bible’s message can bring new-found freedom to those who read it.

In Tanzania some 56 per cent of Josephine’s tribe, which numbers a third of a million people, don’t speak the national language, Swahili. Even more can’t read it. So, the Bible has literally been a closed book to them. Bible Society’s translation work has changed all that.

Translator Michael Nhonya spent four years working on the new Bible. ‘This is great,’ he said. ‘To finally hear and read it feels like I’m in heaven. It feels like Jesus is speaking in the synagogue, only he’s speaking here. It means that Christianity will grow here.’

You can support Bible Society’s translation work in Tanzania by visiting:

[www.biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday2010](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday2010)

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***‘Virtually’ last chance to see Library’s treasures on show.***

Fans of history, theology and printed works who missed out on the opportunity to see some of the riches of Lambeth Palace Library during a special exhibition to mark the 400th anniversary of the historic library will soon get another chance - via their mobile phone.

A virtual exhibition is being planned in response to huge interest in Treasures of Lambeth Palace Library. Lambeth Palace Library staff are now working with ATS Heritage, who produce audio and video guides for historic visitor attractions, to create an iPhone application so that users can explore some of the items originally included in the exhibition.

The iPhones application should be available for download from October. For further information visit:

[www.lambethpalacelibrary.org](http://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org)<<http://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org/>.

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***From Michael and Elspeth***

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the amazing Farewell you gave us as we took our leave from the parish to go into retirement. So much to thank you for - from the number of you who were able to come to our farewell service, and the kind words shared there by Celeste and the surprise anthem from the choir; to the wonderful party organised for us in the evening, and the gifts you gave us of the delightful and specially commissioned picture of St Lawrence's, the most generous cheque and garden vouchers. As you may have heard we look forward to buying a Rhino greenhouse and developing the garden which is currently laid to pretty poor grass! We were very touched by the words shared by John Morris on behalf of you all. We have also received so many lovely letters and cards. Thank you so much for everything - we felt and still feel very emotional.

Seeing less of so many of you is not easy - but we will have moved to our new home in Broadstairs with very full memories of wonderful times lived and spent together. As we said on our Change of Address notes, a warm welcome awaits anyone who wants to see us in our new home (and France on a clear day!).

With all best wishes, Michael and Elspeth

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***It's a Small World***

Michael and Elspeth's 'fare well' gathering in the Village Hall on 5th September was a memorable event for so many reasons but was made extra special for David and me, as we were introduced to the artist of one of our own favourite pictures.

About 20 years ago we bought a watercolour from a gallery in Rufford, Nottinghamshire. The artist is Marianne Cox. We didn't know who she was at the time, but her picture of a cat picking its way carefully across a table on which are the remains of wine and a cheese plate is beautifully depicted and in fact, it's only when one sees that the wine glass is on its side that the eye is drawn to the subtle form of a cat in the foreground. The work is imaginative and whimsical and the colours are subdued yet most effective.

David and I were therefore delighted to meet 'our' artist who also painted the wonderful picture of the church that was presented to Michael and Elspeth that evening. It's special to know that the Cookes and we have works by the same talent on our walls and thanks to Tony Webb's wise judgment, we were able to meet someone who has been a part of our life for many years now and whose work has been a special and important feature in our dining room. *Alison Glennie*

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