

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



Tuesday	2 Nov	20:00	A service to remember those dear to us who have died	
Sunday	7 Nov	11:15	Family Communion	CW
Sunday	14 Nov	08:00 10:55	Holy Communion (said) Service of Remembrance	BCP
Sunday	21 Nov	10:30 11:15	Sunday Club meets in the Village Hall A short children's service	
Sunday	28 Nov	18:00	A combined service with St Lawrence and Seal at SS Peter & Paul, Seal	
Sunday	5 Dec	11:15	All Age Family Service	

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

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**St Lawrence, Seal Chart Parish Magazine
November 2010**



Priest in Charge

[Vacancy]

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



Tuesday	2 Nov	All Souls Day - Joint Service at St Margaret's Underriver Wisdom 3: 1-9 John 11: 17-27, 32-43 Revelation 7: 9-17	
Thursday	4 Nov	Prayer Time for both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At Thrums, Vines Lane, Hildenborough	
Sunday	7 Nov	Third Sunday before Advent Holy Communion (said) BPC Luke 20: 27-38 2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-17 09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church) Luke 20: 27-38	
Tuesday	9 Nov	Bible Study for both Parishes At Thrums, Vines Lane, Hildenborough	
Sunday	14 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Second Sunday before Advent Service of Remembrance (Collection for Royal British Legion) John 15: 9-17	
Monday	15 Nov	Prayer Time for both Parishes (Open to all - lasts about 60 mins) At The White House, Bitchet Green	
Sunday	21 Nov	Feast of Christ the King Holy Communion CW 09:45 All Age Family Service Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43	
Sunday	28 Nov	Advent Sunday 09:45 Family Communion (with hymns) CW Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44 18:00 Combined Service with SMU and Seal at SS Peter & Paul, Seal	
Sunday	5 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent 08:00 Holy Communion (said) BCP Isaiah 11: 1-10 Matthew 3: 1-12 09:45 All Age Family Service (children in church) Matthew 3: 1-12	

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 Sunday School



21 Nov 09:45 t b a

Lyn & Hilary

25 Nov 19:30 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
(At Lyn's house)

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 7 November

Bridget Stevens

Sunday 14 November

Kate Clark/Beryl Storey

Sunday 21 November

Kate Clark

Sunday 28 November

Kate Clark

Sunday 5 December

Kate Clark

Anxious? In pain? Facing a crisis?

PRAYERLINE

on

01959 561 388

(24 hours)

Christian volunteers are ready to pray for you today - and every day.

Absolute confidentiality.

Nothing to pay except the cost of your phone call

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

Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)

SAYT has just had a 10th birthday celebration. How better could one of the most important providers of youth outreach in this area mark the occasion than by commissioning their two new youth workers?



David and Michelle have come to SAYT from very different backgrounds. David has lived and worked in the area for some years. Michelle “did” University, worked in Australia and then as a Butlin’s Red Button before seeing and applying for the SAYT post. Both seem to have the qualities needed for the great task which they have taken on.

You may be surprised to learn just how many young people in this area feel alienated and excluded, just needing someone to talk to, who they can trust. Many of the young people who “drop in” to chat with youth workers and supporters are from dysfunctional and broken families. Did you realise that the suicide rate for young males in the area is well above the national average?

There is a great support team of volunteers who quietly and very efficiently help to run SAYT. One volunteer, John Shanley works with young people who have had drug addictions and stepped up to carry on the work of SAYT during the recent vacancy. Treasurer Chris Stiven informed us that to date the charity had received less than half the £30,000 needed to cover this year’s costs. A significant amount of donations come in later in the year. The three main sources of income are Churches including St. Lawrence, individual donations and some grants.

The Sevenoaks Mayor’s Charity Concert this year is at the Stag on Thursday 21st October with some of the proceeds going to SAYT.

We hope that a youth worker will visit St. Lawrence in the New Year. In the meantime I would urge all members to renew their support for this very worthwhile local charity.

SAYT was set up by members of Churches together in Sevenoaks and district. Michael Cooke did a great deal of work for this organisation and SAYT. Michael was presented with a leaving present in acknowledgement of his contribution over a 7 year period.

Eric Jackson

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**Dusty work?**

Is your office at work dirty? A recent survey has found that two in five firms have cut back on cleaning and maintenance of their offices in order to save money. A quarter of those surveyed by Resource, a support service group, say they now clean their particular space at their office themselves.

**Service schedule change in November!**

Please make a note that our Remembrance Sunday service (November 14<sup>th</sup>) starts at 10.30a.m.

Due to Remembrance Sunday, our usual mid morning Holy Communion has moved to the end of the month and will be held on Advent Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> November) at 9.45.



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Thank You so much ...

... to everyone who contributed to the following:

Harvest Supper proceeds: £654 for Farm Africa

Harvest Festival service: £218.73 for the Rural Development Movement in India

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**Prayer Topics for this month**

- During the Vacancy: those leading our church services, and those providing local leadership.
- St. Lawrence School in this second half of term.

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Our New Admin Assistant

We are delighted to welcome Katharine Donaldson, our new Administrative Assistant, who will be helping both our parishes two afternoons a week.

Messages can be left for Katharine at the Vicarage (01732 761766) or by email: Katharine Donaldson <katharine@stlawrencechurch.com>

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**CAROL’S CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN**

*will be on*

**Wednesday 8 December 2010 from 09:30 to 11:30**

**The regular team of Church Cleaners**  
**would love to have extra helpers, PLEASE!**

**Just turn up on the day and you will be welcomed with open arms!**

**Thank you in advance.**

**Tea or Coffee and Bickies at Half Time**

*Carol McLintock*

## ***The Train Journey***

*The following story was told by the well known Christian Brother Andrew...*

A few years ago a pastor was travelling by train in the Soviet Union. He got talking to the man sharing his compartment, and soon the conversation turned to God. The pastor listened patiently as the other man extolled the logic of atheism and mocked his faith in God. When the pastor tried to talk about Jesus, the atheist grew very angry.

The pastor then left the compartment for a few minutes, and on his return found that his Bible was missing. The atheist was just closing the window. The pastor was deeply hurt to lose his Bible, and the journey concluded in stony silence.

A few months later, a stranger from a little distance away called on the pastor. He wanted to be baptized. Startled, the pastor asked why his own church had not baptized him. "There are no Christians and no church in my village," said the man. "But I have read my Bible and I know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and I want to be baptized and follow him."

The pastor was astonished. "If you know no Christians, how did you even get hold of a Bible?"

The man paused. "You aren't going to believe this," he said, "but God sent it to me direct. Some months ago I was working as a builder near a railway track when, as the train went by, a book came flying out the window and landed in the dust near to me. It was a Bible! I started to read it out of curiosity, and then I could not put it down. Through it I have found God."

The pastor had no trouble in believing that a Bible had flown out of a train window. He rejoiced that it had landed at the man's feet. He baptized the man, who returned to his village brimming with enthusiasm. He shared his faith with his neighbours. Soon a little group of believers was formed, and began to grow, and all because of a thrown-away Bible. The atheist on the train would have been mortified to find out that he had planted a church.

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Remembering those who have died and are dear to us

2nd November is "All Souls Day", the day when we are invited collectively to remember and give thanks for those known personally to us whom we love and who have died. We therefore hold also a special service in the evening (8 pm), where in prayer, quiet reflective music and the lighting of individual candles we remember in love those we see no longer. Although this year the service is at St Margaret's, Underriver, it is for both our parishes. Let's mark the date and time in our diaries. If you would like the name of a loved one read out, there is a list at the back of St. Lawrence's, or do please give me a call on 01732 761534.

Thank you, Gretel

Home for Christmas

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, who are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence.

For many, Christmas will be an entirely new experience. Staying with you, they could find out what it is all about, as well as enjoying home-cooked food, joining in with your activities, and seeing a little of the country away from the campus. You do not need to live near a university, as many students are happy to travel to have this opportunity.

Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange, and the contribution to international goodwill, are what make it all worthwhile.

If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see <http://www.hostuk.org> or call HOST on 020 7739 6292.

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## ***Would you like faster Broadband connection?***

BT have announced plans to install their fibre based high speed broadband products for customers connected to Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Swanley and West Malling exchanges, but at the moment there are no plans to provide these services to users in Seal, Stone Street, Bitchet Green, Seal Chart.

However BT are trying to find out what the demand might be in our area. To do this they have launched a web site called <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/>

This web site gives customers an opportunity to vote for their exchange to have high speed broadband. There is no commitment to have high speed broadband if it is ever made available, but please do consider voting to improve this amenity.

Gretel

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Lean times means mince

Mince is now our most popular cut of beef, outselling steak or roasting joints for the first time. Figures from the National Beef Association indicate that 52 per cent of British beef is bought as mince.

All In The Month Of November

350 years ago: - on 12th Nov 1660 that English writer and preacher John Bunyan was arrested and imprisoned for preaching without a licence. He remained in prison for almost 12 years, as he refused to abstain from preaching. While there, he wrote Pilgrim's Progress.

350 years ago: - on 28 Nov 1660 that The Royal Society was founded in London. It is the world's oldest national scientific society.

150 years ago: - on 6th Nov 1860 that Abraham Lincoln was elected 16th President of the United States.

125 years ago: - on 10th Nov 1885 that Paul Daimler, eldest son of German engineer Gottlieb Daimler, became the world's first motorcyclist when he rode his father's new invention to the next town and back.

100 years ago: - on 7th Nov 1910 that the first air shipment took place when a Wright Brothers plane flew a shipment of silk from Dayton, Ohio to Columbus, Ohio, for a department store owner.

90 years ago: - on 15th Nov 1920 that The League of Nations held its first assembly, in Geneva, Switzerland.

70 years ago: - WORLD WAR II 1940

- on 11th Nov that the Battle of Taranto, Italy took place – The British Royal Navy launched the first all-aircraft naval attack in history from an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean.

- on 14th Nov that German Luftwaffe bombers virtually destroyed the city of Coventry, including the medieval cathedral

60 years ago: - on 2nd Nov 1950 that George Bernard Shaw died. The Irish playwright and literary critic, had won the 1925 Nobel Prize for Literature ('Pygmalion', etc)

50 years ago: - on 8th Nov 1960 that John F Kennedy was elected 35th President of the United States.

40 years ago: - on 10th Nov 1970 that The Great Wall of China was opened to tourists.

30 years ago: - on 21st Nov 1980 that an estimated 83 million Americans watched the TV show 'Dallas' to find out 'Who shot JR' as the answer was finally revealed after eight months.

25 years ago: - on 20th Nov 1985 that Microsoft Windows 1.0 was released.

20 years ago: - on 12th Nov 1990 that British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee published a formal proposal for the World Wide Web.

A Cautionary Tale

When things go wrong it's rather tame to find we are ourselves to blame,
It gets the trouble over quicker to go and blame things on the Vicar!
The Vicar, after all, is paid o keep us bright and undismayed.
The Vicar is more virtuous too than lay folks such as me and you.
He never swears, he never drinks, he never does say what he thinks.
His collar is the wrong way round and that is why he's simply bound
To be the sort of person who has nothing very much to do
But take the blame for what goes wrong and sing in tune at Evensong.
For what's a Vicar really for except to cheer us up! What's more
He shouldn't ever, ever tell if there's such a place as Hell,
For, if there is, it's certain he will go to it - as well as we.
The Vicar should be all pretence and never, never give offence.
To preach on Sundays is his task and lend his mower when we ask
And organise our Village Fetes and sing at Christmas with the Waits
And in his car to give us lifts and, when we quarrel, heal the rifts.
To keep his family alive he should industriously strive
In that enormous house he gets and should always pay his debts
For he has so many pounds a week; and when we're rude he should be meek
And always turn the other cheek.
He should be neat and nicely dressed with polished shoes and trousers pressed,
For we look up to him as higher than anyone - except the Squire!
Dear people, who have read so far, I know how kind you really are;
I hope that you are always seeing your Vicar as a human being,
Making allowances when he does things with which you don't agree.
But there are lots of people who are not so kind to him as you.
So, in conclusion, you shall hear about a Parish somewhat near
(Perhaps your own - or maybe not) and of the Vicar that it got.
One Vicar came and people said "Alas! Our former Vicar's dead!
And this new man is far more 'low' than dear old Reverend so-and-so
And far too earnest in his preaching; we do not really like his teaching;
He seems to think we're simply fools who've never been to Sunday Schools."
That Parson left and, by and by, Another came. "He's far too high!",
The people said. "Too like a Saint!, his incense makes our Mavis faint!"
So now he's left and they're alone without a Vicar of their own.
The living's been amalgamated with another which they've always hated!

John Betjeman

Having listen to Archdeacon Clive Mansell's excellent sermon on 10 October, I thought John Betjeman's verses stress the point that Archangel Michael is not available to fill our vacancy!

Ed