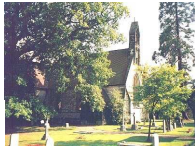


*Services at St Margaret's Underriver
during November 2015*



In the Church, every Thursday at 08:30, Morning Prayer (said) - CW

Sunday	1 Nov	11:15	All Age Service	
Sunday	8 Nov	08:00	Holy Communion	BCP
		10:55	Remembrance Service	
Sunday	15 Nov	11:15	Short Family Communion	CW
Sunday	22 Nov	11:15	Parish Communion	CW
Sunday	29 Nov	11:15	All Age Advent Service	

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*St Lawrence, Seal Chart Parish Magazine
November 2015*



*At the going down of the sun, and in the
morning, we shall remember them*

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Our Vicar's Page

In the month of November we become very aware of the changing season, most of leaves have fallen from the trees we are most definitely in autumn. The clocks have gone back by an hour, the evenings are darker and the nights longer, temperatures are getting lower day by day and we are beginning the season of remembering.

On the 1st of November we have our annual (joint) All Souls Service, this year it will be held at St Lawrence's Church, Seal Chart at 8 pm. This service gives us an opportunity to remember with thanksgiving people whom we have loved and lost. Come along and light a candle for someone you remember and listen as they are named in this service.

On the 8th November the churches, and the communities that surround them, will be holding Remembrance Sunday Services - St Lawrence's will be at 10.30 am and St Margaret's at 10.55 am. These services are an opportunity to remember the people who died in both World Wars as well as the many who have died in the many conflicts, which have followed those wars.

In the Church, we move from remembrance at the beginning of the month to joy at the end as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King on the 22nd November. We will be thinking about the Kingship of the risen Christ, remembering the way that his Kingship became apparent just before his death - at Jesus' trial Pilate said, "You are a king, then!" (John 18:37).

The last Sunday of the month (29th) will be Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Church's year and the four weeks that prepare us for the celebration of Christmas. In the service at St Lawrence's Church we will be sending out Mary and Joseph on their Advent journey from home to home. They will be welcomed back on Christmas Eve at the Christingle service. This year they will have a freshly knitted donkey with them to make their journey even easier!

Do come and join us in our churches for one, or maybe all, of the occasions this November – you will be most welcome.

Yours in the love of Christ

Carol

For the Children



Mouse Makes

THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets foretold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people. The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's** candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.

ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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THE PROPHECY CANDLE


Isaiah 9:2-7



2

THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

Micah 5:2-4



3

THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE

Luke 2:15-20



4

THE ANGEL'S CANDLE

Luke 2:8-14

☆ Colour in one candle each Sunday in ADVENT and countdown to Christmas ☆

So long and thanks for all the music

It was with considerable sadness that we wished farewell to our long-time organist (and fast friend), Lizzie Veglio this month. Lizzie has decided to step down as our organist due to ill health and while we will all miss her playing (and infectious enthusiasm and humour behind the choir pews), we hope she will remain a member of the St Lawrence family and congregation for many years to come.

In fact, such a fixture is Lizzie to our worship and our choir that nobody can quite remember exactly how long she has been playing with us – we do know for a fact that she has been with us through thick and thin

for at least the last eight years on a formal basis, playing a key role in all that we do as a choir and as a congregation. Ever enthusiastic and adventurous, she has been a major source of inspiration to us all, regularly finding new pieces for us to try out and pushing us all to extend our repertoire and it was perhaps fitting that we began our Harvest Supper routine this year with just such a Lizzie suggestion – “Chemi chemi ya uzima”, a Swahili chant of worship to Christ, the “spring of eternal life”.

As a choir, we were pleased to dedicate our performance at this year’s Supper to Lizzie, who attended as guest of honour. A lovely hamper of goodies (kindly put together by Bridge Stephens and made possible by the generosity of our congregation) was handed over as just a small token of our thanks and we were pleased to also add a verse of one of Lizzie’s favourites, “I’ll go in the strength of the Lord”.

Lizzie – from all of us at St Lawrence’s, a huge big thank you for everything. For the smiles, for the shocking pink hair and handbags that brighten all of our Sundays! For the impromptu renditions of Cwm Rhondda after a good Welsh rugby performance, for the kind words and sincere interest in all of our lives, through good and bad times. Most of all, though, for the music, whether strident or thoughtful, whether calling to exuberant praise or exhorting penitent confession, you’ve played it all and taken us all with you note by note.

*I’ll go in the strength of the Lord
In paths He has marked for my feet;
I’ll follow the light of His word,
Nor shrink from the dangers I meet.*

Rob



Photo Clive Garner

Have you bought your tickets ?

St Lawrence Church, Seal Chart

Concert in aid of

Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust

At 6pm on Sunday November 1st, 2015

Greg Tassell - tenor

David Flood - accompanist and organist

**Tickets £12 (including glass of wine and refreshments)
available from Carol Lambert Telephone: 01732 810913**

Greg and David will be performing a varied programme ranging from operatic arias and folksongs to Noel Coward and Ivor Novello songs, taking in on the way comedy songs by Flanders and Swan.

Greg Tassell was brought up on a hop farm in Kent and read music at Exeter University and the Royal Academy of Music. He is in great demand in the UK and abroad for recital and oratorio appearances, most recently in Krakow, Poland singing the evangelist in St John’s Passion. He has recently appeared in a new opera called ‘Entanglement’ by Charlotte Bray about Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain. Greg plays her husband David. The production can be seen at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden next year.

Greg teaches singing at Ibstock Place School in Roehampton and University of Kent.

David Flood has been Organist and Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral since 1988. Responsible for not only the daily sung services David has been involved in many national and international occasions. He was responsible for the music at the enthronements of Archbishops Carey, Williams and Welby and the 1998 and 2008 Lambeth Conferences. He has given many organ recitals throughout Europe and is always in great demand in the United States where, every year, he hosts an American Children’s Choir Festival involving over three hundred voices. In 2002 he received an honorary degree of DNovor of Music degree from the University of Kent.

Cover Picture

The major art installation entitled 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' at HM Tower of London, marked one hundred years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War. Created by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper, 888,246 ceramic poppies progressively filled the Tower's famous moat between 17 July and 11 November 2014. Each poppy represented a British military fatality during the war.

The poppies encircled the historic landmark, creating not only a spectacular display visible from all around the Tower but also a location for personal reflection. The scale of the installation was intended to reflect the magnitude of such an important centenary and create a powerful visual commemoration.

The many photographs that were taken by visitors scarcely showed the extent of the display, but a few from above really demonstrated the grandeur of the memorial.

All of the poppies that made up the installation were sold, raising millions of pounds which were shared equally amongst six service charities.

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All cheques to be made payable to ST. LAWRENCE (SEAL) PCC. No cheques will be paid in until January 2017, but the earlier they arrive and the delivery people are paid, the quicker we can close the magazine accounts for 2015 and not have them dragging on until mid-Summer!

THANK YOU SO MUCH! Rosemary

If you would like to be added to the lists of subscribers to the St. Lawrence [Parish Magazine](#), please contact Roz Morris.

St Lawrence Harvest Festival

Our 2015 RDM fundraising target was £260 - the collection from Sunday's Harvest Festival service totalled £269 which - when combined with additional Gift Aid tax reclamations to be made - should bring the overall donation to approximately £310.

St Lawrence Harvest Supper takings (in aid of Farm Africa)

Our 2015 Farm Africa fundraising target was £350. Saturday's Harvest Festival activities generated a net profit (and therefore donation to Farm Africa) of £441.28. In addition, the Supper's Raffle and Auction activities generated further £229 for Seal St. Lawrence.

Well done to all those involved, since the efforts made have certainly generated a significant additional financial boost to two of our charitable beneficiaries as well as to SSL.

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Making Room - an Advent Course of 4 sessions.

Remember how there was no room at the inn? Can you make room to prepare for Christmas by coming to a short course which explores different ways of making room: for others, for God and for what really matters.

All welcome! Mondays 23rd, 30th November and 7th and 14th December. Venue: The Vicarage,

Time TBA. Please call Carol or Gretel for timing.

Gretel

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Smile Time

Some local newspaper headlines where you know what they meant...

Man kills self before shooting wife and daughter

Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say

Miners refuse to work after death

Juvenile Court to try shooting defendant

War dims hope for peace

Cold wave linked to temperatures

London couple slain; police suspect murder

Red tape holds up new bridge

New study on obesity looks for larger test group

Why children can make nutritious snacks

Local school dropouts cut in half

The **Allegri Singers** conducted by **Jamie W. Hall**



Call to Remembrance

Poulenc Quatre motets pour un temps de pénitence
 Bach Jesu meine Freude
 Kuhnau Tristis est anima mea
 Victoria Officium defunctorum
 Nystedt Immortal Bach



Saturday 14 November 2015
at 7:45 p.m.

St Mark's Church
 Westmoreland Road, Bromley South, BR2 0TB
 Tickets on the door £12 (Concessions £10)

www.allegrisingers.org.uk
 The Allegri Singers are affiliated to Bromley Arts Council
 Registered Charity (No. 287271)




Church Christmas Clean

Wednesday, 2nd December 9.30-11.30 a.m.

Please do come and join in!

The more, the merrier!!

*And it also means we could have longer
 with the mince pies and coffee!!!*

Carol McL

Notes from the PCC

The following notes relate to discussions at a recent PCC meeting:

- ❖ Parish giving. Our 2015 'offer' to the diocese under new financial arrangements represented a 3% uplift on 2014 at £17049. Due to a shortfall in diocesan income we have been asked to increase our 'offer' by about £1000 for 2015, to which the PCC agreed unanimously.
- ❖ Legacy. A legacy of £10000 from the estate of Mrs Margaret Swaisland was reported to the PCC.
- ❖ The meeting acknowledged the contribution made to the life of the church by Lizzie Veglio who ended her time as our organist at the end of September.
- ❖ Work has recently been completed to treat the roadside fence and the three benches in the churchyard.
- ❖ The committee agreed to investigate the possibility of re-ordering the back of the church to create more space for a permanent notice board rather than the current mobile board.
- ❖ St Margaret's Church is organising a concert of readings and music on March 12, 2016 involving choirs and readers from both churches plus the St Lawrence School orchestra. Proceeds will be shared between both churches.
- ❖ The PCC was advised that the charity concert at the church in aid of Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust on November 1st should meet a large part of our commitment to the trust for 2015.
- ❖ Kent Wildlife Trust report on churchyard. The committee heard that, somewhat to our surprise, the Wildlife Trust representative reported that we have a 'textbook' environmental area in the churchyard. Whilst recent efforts have been less successful the initiatives ten years ago seem to have borne fruit.

*John Morris
 PCC Secretary*

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In the month of NOVEMBER

300 years ago:- on 24 Nov 1715 (until 9 Feb 1716) that the River Thames in London froze over and a frost fair was held.

150 years ago:- on 26th Nov 1865 that Lewis Carroll's novel 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' was published.



Services and Events at The Church of St Lawrence Seal Chart during November 2015

Every Tuesday at 08:30, in the Church
Morning Prayer (said) (CW)

Sunday	1 Nov	Fourth Sunday before Advent - All Saints Day	BCP
	08:00	Holy Communion Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	
	09:45	All Age Service Revelation 21: 1-6a	
Monday	2 Nov	All Souls' Day All Souls' Service Lamentations 3: 19-26, 31-33	
Thursday	5 Nov	Prayer Time - Lasts about an hour, all are welcome At The Old Forge, Stone Street	
Sunday	8 Nov	Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday Service of Remembrance Micah 4: 1-5	
Sunday	15 Nov	Second Sunday before Advent Family Communion	CW
	09:45	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8	
Sunday	22 Nov	Sunday Next before Advent - Christ the King Matins	BCP
	09:45	Revelations 1: 4b-8 John 13: 33b-37	
Sunday	29 Nov	Advent Sunday All Age Family Service	
	09:45	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	
Sunday	6 Dec	First Sunday of Advent Holy Communion	BCP
	08:00	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6	
	09:45	All Age Family Service Malachi 3: 1-4	



Church Flowers



Sunday	1 Nov	Sheila Jackson
Sunday	8 Nov	Sheila Jackson Beryl Storey
Sunday	15 Nov	Kate Clark
Sunday	22 Nov	Kate Clark
Sunday	29 Nov	Kate Clark
Sunday	6 Dec	Kate Clark

***Children meet promptly at 09:45
in St Lawrence School Hall on the dates
shown below***

*They will rejoin their parents in the church
towards the end of the service.*



All children aged 3 and upwards are welcome

15 Nov	Mark 13: 1-8	Hilary and Sam
13 Dec	Advent	Lyn and Sam
17 Jan 2016	Epiphany/Christian Unity	Sam and Sally

For further information contact Hilary Darque [01732 453929]



**Autumn Term
Dates for your Diary
Friday 27th November**



Your Prayers are asked for . .



***all those all who serve our country, for Politicians, for
Soldiers, Sailors and Airman, for Police, Ambulance
and Fire and Rescue staff, for Doctors and Nurses,
for the Clergy and all who work in our churches,***

Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear our Prayer