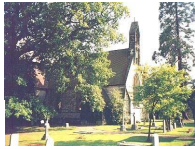


*Services at St Margaret's Underriver
during October 2016*



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

Sunday	2 Oct	11:15	Harvest Festival	
Sunday	9 Oct	08:00	Holy Communion	BCP
		18:00	Evensong	BCP
Sunday	16 Oct	11:15	Short Family Communion	CW
Sunday	23 Oct	11:15	Parish Communion	CW
Sunday	30 Oct	11:15	All Age All Saints Service	
Sunday	6 Nov	11:15	All Age Family Service	

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Our Vicar's Page

At the start of this month we have our Harvest celebrations (see dates and times elsewhere in this magazine). Living in the countryside it is easy to observe the seasons changing and autumn beginning. The fields close to the vicarage have been harvested and whilst walking the dog we have watched the combine harvester and baler at work. There are apples and pears ripening on our fruit trees and a great crop of blackberries can be found in the hedgerows and gardens – why are the biggest and juiciest ones always just out of each?

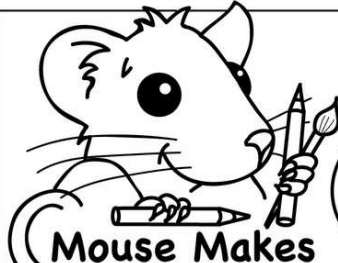
I wonder if we lived in the middle of London, a long way from the countryside, if we would be as aware, as we are, of the changing seasons? Perhaps we would have a more broader or more global view of harvest, thinking about the cycle of harvest across the northern and southern hemispheres. Maybe we would be thinking about a harvest service as an opportunity to collect food items and toiletries for people in homeless hostels, or on the streets.

Harvest time is an opportunity to think about the good things that God has provided for us and that includes food to eat, but it can go further as we think of God's love and mercy. Jesus once described the abundance of love and forgiveness that God gives us, and that we should give it to others, this way "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38b). God is generous and he calls us to be generous too - generous in our relationships, ready to forgive when we have been slighted; generous in our giving to those in need, in this country or abroad; generous with our time and talents, for our church or in the wider community.

This harvest time as we sing the much-loved harvest hymns, as we decorate our churches and make them beautiful, as we sit down together for our harvest meals, may we be truly thankful to God. May we also think of how we can share the good things we have by being generous in our giving to the charities we support at harvest time.

Yours in the love of Christ 

For the Children



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

GOD'S WORD IS...
Look up the bible verse and fill in the blanks.

Your _____ is a _____ for my _____
and a _____ for my _____

Psalms 119:105

BLESSING COMES FROM...
Cross out every second letter to read the bible verse.

"BALEEYSYSPESDV ADREEM TKHCOUSMED
WAHROS HPEKAMRS TWHAEU WHOGREDN
ATNODL OABLEPYW IFTO"

Lpurkdes 11:28

WISDOM COMES FROM...
Change the backwards words to read the right way.

"For the Lord gives wisdom;
from His mouth come knowledge
and understanding."

Proverbs 2:6

Is not my _____ like
like a _____ declares the Lord, and
like a _____ that breaks a
_____ to pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29

UNDERSTANDING COMES FROM...
Change each letter to the letter **after** it in the alphabet.

SGD SDZBGHMF NE XNTQ VNQC
FHU DR KHFGS RN DUDM SGD
RHLOKD TMC DQRSZMC

Orzkl 119:130

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Rounds 3 and 4 : the wind was at a near maximum, beyond which it's not safe to the waters were choppy, but spirits were high. Didn't manage to beat the round one timing and the rowers emerged soaked, but proud of their efforts.

It was a brilliant day – lots of support for the team from friends and families. It was also Sam Drury's birthday, so between races there were delicious cakes (thank you Bridge) and Sam was toasted with a celebratory glass of prosecco.

The team had a credible mid way placing at the end, which was noteworthy as they had never rowed together before. Well done! The charities supported were The Bridge Trust, Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust and Demelza House. The aim was £2000 which has been exceeded beyond expectation. Final result in next month's issue.



Thanks to all who made this such a special day – the organizers, the team, donors and supporters. It was more than a money raiser, it was a really memorable and enjoyable occasion. Who's for next year?

Gretel



HARVEST SUPPER

IN

ST LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL

ON

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER AT 19.00

TICKETS ADULTS £12 CHILDREN £6

FROM CAROL LAMBERT 01732 810913

2 COURSE MEAL - QUIZ - ENTERTAINMENT

St Lawrence's Latest Challenge! Bawl Water 10 September 2016



Puff the Magic Dragon boat, crewed by a well honed team from St. Lawrence's, bravely took to the waters to raise money for three designated charities.

It was a day of drama, excitement and celebration!

Round one and the dragon's head dropped off the boat into the water, but undeterred the team raced to their best time of the day 1.39 (minutes, not hours!)

Round two and the team was severely compromised by a near collision as they were "cut up" by another boat. The referee ordered our team to stop rowing mid race and we were given another chance to row later.

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Christmas Concert by Candlelight St Lawrence Church, Seal Chart

Greg Tassell (tenor)

David Flood (accompanist)

At 6pm on Sunday December 11

Following the very successful concert given by Greg and David last year we look forward to welcoming them again for a concert of Christmas music.

Tickets £15

(to include mulled wine and mince pies)

available from John Morris on 01732 810227

or at

<http://stlawrencechristmas.brownpapertickets.com/>

Another Chorister is spreading her wings!

The Tunbridge Wells Operatic and Dramatic Society (TWADS) is presenting "Guys and Dolls" in the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells from 29 November until 3 December and Louise Clarke will be in the chorus for these events.

Congratulations, Louise, we hope all goes well and that all performances are a great success.

Tickets from 03452 691 889 or on line at www.boxoffice@twods.org, £15.50 to £17.50 with concessions.

In 1952 the family moved to Reading and from a ringing point of view, Frank landed in heaven. At the time St. Mary's had a very competent band of ringers built around the Diserens family and Frank's ringing made rapid progress. In 1952 at the age of 16 he rang his first peal of Cambridge. Also a lifelong friendship with Ron Diserens began.

Whilst in Reading Frank was a very active ringer. He and Ron cycled miles to practices, meetings and to ring quarters and Frank was also a member of The Roving Ringers whose usual mode of transport was a bicycle

In total Frank rang 523 peals of which 121 were on 10 or more bells. He only conducted seven, five of which were Surprise Major. He considered the highlights of his ringing career to be the third and fourth peals of Bristol Surprise Maximus and the peal Stedman Cinques he took part in at Liverpool Cathedral, which was rung in 4 hours and 8 mins.

Frank came to Kent in the early 1980's and probably rang about 200 of his peals whilst living in Kent. He married Catherine in 1983 who was also a very able ringer. At the beginning of this resumé I said that Frank got a great deal of pleasure from his ringing. The other side of the coin is how much he put into ringing. He will be sadly missed.

Peter

St Lawrence Christmas Fayre

will be held in

Stone Street Village Hall

on

Saturday 19th November - 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Our last fayre was fantastic fun and a great success

Let's make this year's outstanding

Please do come along.

We would greatly welcome donations of White Wine

(in a green bottle),

Chocolate or Raffle Prizes of any kind

(please ensure the use by date is after 24.11.14)

Please call Ron (810214)

if you would like to help or contribute - thank you.

Bells Ringing News from the Tower. (continued from last month)

Details of the peal

Kent County Association

St Lawrence Seal Chart, Kent Saturday, 18 July 2015 in 2h 44 (5–2–21 in B)

To mark the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, rung 16th July 1955.

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor - 2x1440, 3x720.

Bell Treble	Ann Jenner	Bell 4	Raymond Taylor
Bell 2	Ian H Oram	Bell 5	Ronald F Diserens
Bell 3	Margaret E Oram	Tenor	Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

The Second significant Ringing Occasion. was a Quarter Peal in Memory of Frank Lewis soon after his passing in July 2015.

Quarter Peal rung at St Lawrence Seal Chart on 9th August 2015

1260 Changes of Plain Bob Doubles.

Bell Treble	Phil Jones	Bell 4	Fraser Clift
Bell 2	Isabel Pearce	Bell 5	Eric Roughly (Conductor)
Bell 3	Dorothy Twiner	Bell Tenor	Roger Dean

Frank was an accomplished ringer but had many other talents besides, indeed he was part of the KCACR team who dismantled and reassembled our bells in 2013. He was a member of the brains trust who advised the PCC sub-committee during the management of the rehanging of our bells by Whites of Appleton. He helped us on numerous occasions before the rehanging when we had problems with the bells with stays, sliders and ropes etc. He was hugely influential in the Tonbridge District by taking on many of the tasks that a logical and clear mind could manage that others shunned.

He was always helpful to ringers less able than himself and would quickly identify where a technique could be improved. He set high standards of bell ringing, was not very tolerant of poor striking and although he didn't say much, his opinion was clear to all. In spite of his somewhat dour appearance, he was good company and had a pleasant sense of humour which flowed pleasingly particularly over a glass of red wine.

Frank learnt to ring at Chichester Cathedral and rang his first peal in 1951. Whilst still at Chichester, Frank joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, with continuous membership.

Greg Tassell

Born and raised on a hop farm in Kent, Greg Tassell trained as a chorister at Durham Cathedral, choral scholar at Exeter Cathedral and as a postgraduate at the Royal Academy of Music under Ryland Davies and David Lowe. He is now a musician who lives in and works around London. He teaches singing privately and is in huge demand around the UK for oratorio with regional choral societies and recital appearances with piano, guitar and organ. He has recently recorded his debut album of English Songs by Dibdin, Stanford and Elgar with pianist Gary Branch at Finchcocks Museum.

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 Doctor of Music from the University of Kent.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

On Sunday 28 August: Bethan Alice Saunders, Daughter of Guy and Alison Saunders, married Benjamin William Watts

Holy Baptism:

On Sunday 11 September: Isaac Michael William, infant son of Adam and Claire Leslie of Godden Green.

We extend our very best wishes to all and hope that in their future lives they may grow in the strength of the Lord.

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Services and Events at The Church of St Lawrence Seal Chart during October 2016

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

Sunday	2 Oct	19th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival	
	08:00	Holy Communion	BCP
		Psalm 100 John 6: 25-35	
	09:45	Harvest Festival	
		Psalm 100	
Monday	3 Oct	Prayer Time (Lasts about an hour, all are welcome)	
	14:00	at The Old Forge, Stone Street	
Sunday	9 Oct	20th Sunday after Trinity	
	09:45	Family Communion	CW
		2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	
Sunday	16 Oct	21st Sunday after Trinity	
	09:45	Family Communion	CW
		2 Timothy 3 : 14,4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8	
Tuesday	18 Oct	Prayer Time (Lasts about an hour, all are welcome)	
	14:00	at Grenadiers, Hildenborough	
Sunday	23 Oct	Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday	
	09:45	Matins	BCP
		Isaiah 45: 22-end Luke 4: 16-24	
Sunday	30 Oct	4th Sunday before Advent - All Saints Sunday	
	09:45	No Service	
	11:15	Joint All Saints Service at St Margaret's	
Wednesday	2 Nov	All Souls' Day	
	20:00	Joint All Souls' Service at St Margaret's	
		Psalm 27: 1-6 John 6: 37-40	



Church Flowers



Sunday	2 Oct	Annette Mackellar, Audrey Ellis-Gibbons, Hilary Denby-ones
Sunday	9 Oct	Christine Hughes
Sunday	16 Oct	Hilary Denby-Jones
Sunday	23 Oct	Hilary Denby-Jones
Sunday	30 Oct	Annette Mackellar



*Children meet promptly at 09:45 in the School Hall on the dates below
They will rejoin their parents in the church towards the end of the service.*

All children aged 3 and upwards are welcome

*For further information re Messy Church contact Wendy on 762999
and re Sunday School contact Hilary on 453929*

16 Oct	SUNDAY SCHOOL	To be arranged	Lesley & Penny
6 Nov	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Remembrance Sunday	
			Hilary, Sam & Sally
18 Nov	MESSY CHURCH		[In the Church at 15:15]
11 Dec	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Advent	Lyn & Sally
18 Dec	Carol Service		[In the Church at 18:00]
24 Dec	Christingle		[In the Church at 17:30]
25 Dec	Christmas Day Service		[In the Church at 09:45]
15 Jan	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Relying on Jesus	Sam & Lesley

Prayer Time

Your Prayers are asked for:

*our farmers as they gather in the harvest;
those who are working in fields and orchards;
food processors, distributors and sales personnel*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

