

**The Lamps  
have not been Sponsored  
this week**

**Lamp Sponsorship** - Dates available for the rest of this year are:  
7 & 28 September, 19 October, 14 December  
Suggested donation £10.

***We pray for:***

Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, The Holy Land, India, Pakistan and all places of unrest.

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

**The Sick or those in need of Prayer:** The King, Amy, Charlie and Jennifer, Christine, Christopher, Charlie (P), David, Donna, Eileen and Bernie, Emma, Garth, Gavin, Gordon and Marie, Harold, 'Kay', Kerry, Linda, Liz, Margaret, Nicole, Margaret St, Sophie, Tom.

**The Departed:** for Nigel Tidbury, Marie Almond, and all the Recently Departed and 31<sup>st</sup> – Alan Cooter, Pearl Vining, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joan Firmin, 5<sup>th</sup> – Valentine Brown, Margaret Hine, 6<sup>th</sup> – Philip Munns, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	<i>Season</i>		<i>Mass</i>	<i>Intention</i>
M	St Giles Patron of Merston	M	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Merston
Tu	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass	Our families
W	St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor	F	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Evangelization of our country
Th	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass	Care for street sleepers
F	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Street sleepers
Sa	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	The departed
Su	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	

<b>Parish Priest</b> <i>Post Vacant</i>	<b>Churchwarden</b> Garth Fisher 07359 138 267	<b>Churchwarden</b> Martin Hill 07902 599 106 "Day off" Monday
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<i>All items for the Bulletin, Lamp sponsorship and intercessions should be sent to <a href="mailto:allsaintsperry@gmail.com">allsaintsperry@gmail.com</a> by Wednesday evening.</i>		<b>Hall Bookings</b> Angela Hill 07598 160 937

**Our Parish is in Interregnum.**

For Church matters or contact the Churchwardens,  
for Spiritual matters contact Fr James, Fr Simon or Fr Lindsay.  
To book Baptism, Wedding or Funeral contact to Rita.

The cost of the upkeep of the Church Building is at least £2,500 per month. One way in which you can donate towards these costs, is by using our QR code.



If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can increase your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, by completing the on-line Gift Aid declaration.

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**IN THE SOUTH AISLE TODAY:**

Tea making rota  
Flower arranging rota  
Information leaflets  
and booklets  
Greetings cards,  
and Rosaries for sale

A box for Donations for  
**Northfleet Hive Hope  
Foodbank**  
  
A collection box for  
**used postage stamps**  
for the **Bone Cancer  
Research Unit.**

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**All Saints, Perry Street**  
*Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sunday 31st August 2025**



**The Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**10.00 a.m. Parish Mass**

*Celebrant: Fr Simon*

*Preacher: Fr Simon*



Please take this Bulletin home with you.

Help us be a greener Church by returning the Mass card.

**Hymns for Today's Mass – *The heavenly Jerusalem for the humble***

Glorious things of thee are spoken	} <i>The heavenly Jerusalem</i>
Just as I am, without one plea	} <i>for the humble</i>
Jubilate everybody	} <i>The heavenly Jerusalem</i>
Tell out my soul	} <i>for the humble</i>

We are looking for a "Seamstress" to make some small Communion Linens and a "Carpenter" to make a wooden box. If you can help please speak to Martin.

The next Readers rota will soon be prepared, let Martin know if you would like to be included

The **Ride and Stride** for Kent Churches will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. If you are interested in walking between local Churches or cycling between them and being Sponsored for it please speak to Angela who did this last year.

Our Lady also looks forward to welcoming us all to **Peterborough Cathedral** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September** for a **Walsingham Festival**. Mass will be offered at 12noon followed at 2.30pm by Sprinkling, Healing Liturgy, Procession & Benediction. *We will leave Ebbsfleet station on the 08:59 train, crossing from St Pancras to Kings Cross. We will arrive in Peterborough at 10:50.*

**Walsingham Mass** here on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham at **9.30 a.m.**

The St Cyprian Chapter of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary invite you to join them for their **Patronal Mass** at **7.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. Refreshments served afterwards.

We will be decorating the Church for **Harvest** from **10.00 a.m.** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The **Harvest Supper** will take place at **6.00 p.m.** There is a list in the south aisle.

There will an **Evensong in Thanksgiving for 21 years of June's Reader Ministry** at **5.00 p.m.** on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Making Miracles Big Knit** will take place at **Rochester Cathedral** on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.** You can knit 6" squares which can be made up into blankets, which will be sold to support families coping with baby loss. Poster at the back of the Church.

There is a list in the south aisle for our **Walsingham Pilgrimage** in **June 2026**. Only one place left. A £40 deposit is required by 4<sup>th</sup> September, either in a sealed envelope with your name on it handed to Fr Simon or by Bank transfer to Helen

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 a.m.  
Ride and Stride Saturday Cuppa

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Walsingham Festival in Peterborough Cathedral

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
9.30 a.m. Walsingham Mass  
7.30 p.m. Server's Guild Mass

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

## Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts  
the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense  
of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

*'Humble yourself so you will find favour  
in the sight of the Lord.'*

A reading from the Book of Sirach

My son, perform your tasks in meekness;  
then you will be loved by those whom  
God accepts. The greater you are, the  
more you must humble yourself; so you  
will find favour in the sight of the Lord.  
For great is the might of the Lord;  
he is glorified by the humble. The  
affliction of the proud has no healing, for  
a plant of wickedness has taken root in  
him. The mind of the intelligent man will  
ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is  
the wise man's desire.

The word of the Lord.

*The Book of Sirach (pronounced See-rac)  
also known Ecclesiasticus.*

*Although the Book of Sirach is not included  
in the Hebrew Bible, it is included in the Old  
Testament of the Catholic and Orthodox  
Churches. In the Lutheran and Anglican  
Churches, the Book of Sirach is found in the  
Biblical apocrypha.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R cf. 11b**

In your goodness, O God,  
you provided a home for the poor.

*The upright shall rejoice  
at the pre-sence of God;  
they shall exult with glad re-joicing.  
O sing to God; make music to his name.  
The Lord is his name. R*

*Father of orphans, defen-der of widows:  
such is God in his ho-ly place.  
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;  
he leads the prisoners forth  
in-to prosperity. R*

*You poured down, O God, a gener-ous rain;  
when your heritage languished,  
you restored it.  
It was there that your flock be-gan to dwell.  
In your goodness, O God,  
you provided for the poor. R*

## Second reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

*'You have come to Mount Zion  
and to the city of the living God.'*

A reading from the Letter  
to the Hebrews

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come  
to what may be touched, a blazing fire  
and darkness and gloom and a  
tempest and the sound of a trumpet and  
a voice whose words made the hearers  
beg that no further messages be spoken to  
them. But you have come to Mount Zion  
and to the city of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable  
angels in festal gathering, and to the  
assembly of the firstborn who are  
enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge  
of all, and to the spirits of the righteous  
made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator  
of a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

## Acclamation before the Gospel Mt 11:29

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,  
and learn from me, for I am gentle  
and low-ly in heart.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel Luke 12:49-53

*'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke.

**Glorify ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ O Lord.**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at  
the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they  
were watching him carefully. Now he  
told a parable to those who were invited,  
when he noticed how they chose the  
places of honour, saying to them, 'When

you are invited by someone to a wedding  
feast, do not sit down in a place of honour,  
lest someone more distinguished than  
you be invited by him, and he who  
invited you both will come and say to  
you, "Give your place to this person", and  
then you, with shame, will take the lowest  
place. But when you are invited, go and  
sit in the lowest place, so that when your  
host comes he may say to you, "Friend,  
move up higher." Then you will be  
honoured in the presence of all who sit at  
table with you. For everyone who exalts  
himself will be humbled, and he who  
humbles himself will be exalted.'  
He said also to the man who had invited  
him, 'When you give a dinner or a  
banquet, do not invite your friends, or  
your brothers and sisters or your relatives  
or rich neighbours, lest they also invite  
you in return and you be repaid. But  
when you give a feast, invite the poor, the  
crippled, the lame, the blind, and you  
will be blessed, because they cannot  
repay you. For you will be repaid at the  
resurrection of the just.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always  
the blessing of salvation,  
that what it celebrates in mystery  
it may accomplish in power.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

**or: Mt 5: 9-10**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread  
from the heavenly table,  
we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you  
in our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**