

## The Lamps are not Sponsored this week

### Lamp Sponsorship

Dates available: 22 February, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March, 5, 19, 26 April, 10 17 May. Suggested donation £10.

### We pray for:

Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, and all places of unrest.  
A continuation of the ceasefire in the Holy Land  
Our Parish during our Interregnum.

**The Sick or those in need of Prayer:** The King, Charlie and Jennifer, Charlie (P), Charlotte, David, Donna, Gavin, Gordon and Marie, 'Kay', Kerry, Liz, Margaret St, Sarah H, Sophie, Susan, Tom.

**The Departed:** for all the Recently Departed, and 4<sup>th</sup> – Hilda Funnell, 5<sup>th</sup> – Vincent Ruane, 8<sup>th</sup> - Edward Aldrich, 9<sup>th</sup> - Enid Hoffman, Herbert Matthews, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

Season		Mass	Intention
M	<i>Christmas-tide Feria</i>	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Bishop Luke
Tu	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>S</b> 7.30 p.m.	<b>THE PARISH</b>
W	<i>Wednesday after Epiphany</i>	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Children in care
Th	<i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>	9.30 a.m.	World Leaders
F	<i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	The Faithful Departed
Sa	<i>Our Lady in Christmastide</i>	10.00 a.m. Mass for Walsingham	Walsingham
Su	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>☒</b> 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	

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<i>All items for the Bulletin, Lamp sponsorship and intercessions should be sent to <a href="mailto:allsaintsperrystreet@gmail.com">allsaintsperrystreet@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	IN THE REFRESHMENT AREA
Information leaflets and booklets	Tea making rota
Greetings cards for sale	Flower rota
A box for Donations for Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank	Rosaries for sale
	A collection box for used postage stamps for the Bone Cancer Research

## The Church of England

## The Diocese of Rochester

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

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 4th January 2026**



### The Second Sunday after the Nativity

**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.

### Mass setting: Revised Gathering Mass

#### Hymns for Today's Mass – *He dwelt among us*

A great and mighty wonder	<i>reflecting on the Gospel</i>
Immortal, invisible, God only wise	<i>reflecting on the Psalm</i>
O little town of Bethlehem	<i>a Christmas Carol</i>
Good Christians men, rejoice	<i>a Christmas Carol</i>

**REMINDER:** If you have a cough, cold, cold-sore, etc., it would be a Christian act of kindness to others NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE CHALICE until you have recovered.

Tuesday is the Solemnity of **The Epiphany of the Lord**, the arrival of the Wise Men. A sung **Mass** will be offered at **7.30 p.m.** There will be no morning Mass.

At **10.00 a.m. Mass for Walsingham**, with Healing Ministries. Refreshments afterwards,

**Memorial Stars** are still available for your message to hang on the tree. **£1 per star. Donations to Ellenor.** See Rita.

2026 rotas for making the tea and coffee after Mass on Sundays and for Flower arranging now on the table in the refreshment area. Please sign up and share the workload.

Bishop Luke will be here to Celebrate the **Rites of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and first Communion) at **7.00 p.m.** on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**. Classes will begin soon. You are welcome to come along for a refresher if you like.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 6th – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**7.30 p.m. Parish Mass**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady in Christmas-tide**  
**10.00 a.m. Mass for Walsingham**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord**  
**10.00 a.m. Parish Mass**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 a.m. Church cleaning

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – The Presentation of the Lord**  
**7.30 p.m. Mass, with Candlemas procession**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**  
**Mass, with Ashing 9.30 a.m.**  
**Mass, with Ashing 7.30 p.m.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**7.00 p.m. Rites of Initiation**

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

## Entrance Antiphon

## Wis 18: 14-15

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light. 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 24:1-2, 8-12

*The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.*

A reading from the Book of Sirach (*Sirac*)

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

## Ps 147b: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20. R12a

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

*O Jerusalem, glori-fy the Lord!*  
*O Sion, praise your God!*  
*He has strengthened the bars of your gates;*  
*he has blessed your child-ren within you.* R

*He established peace on your borders;*  
*he gives you your fill of fi-nest wheat.*  
*He sends out his word to the earth,*  
*and swiftly runs his com-mand.* R

*He reveals his word to Jacob;*  
*to Israel, his de-crees and judgements.*  
*He has not dealt thus with o-ther nations;*  
*he has not taught them his judgements.* R

## Second reading

## Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

*'He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.'*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

## Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Glory to you, O Christ,*  
*proclaimed a-mong the nations.*  
*Glory to you, O Christ,*  
*believed in through-out the world.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Gospel

## John 1:1-18

*'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory R to R you, R O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who

believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me." ' For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

## Cf. Jn 1: 12

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Solemn Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth

has illumined this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, R and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**