

## The Lamps are not Sponsored this week

### Lamp Sponsorship

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#### *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.*

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

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#### 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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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

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**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 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ 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, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you  
and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**