

**The Lamps are Sponsored in Memory of
Michael Henry Stroud
+ RIP 23rd January 2025**

Lamp Sponsorship

Dates available: 1, 15, 22 & 29 March, 5, 19, 26 April, 10 17 May .

We pray for:

Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Iran and all places of unrest.

A continuation of the ceasefire in the Holy Land

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

Glenda & Simon to be Baptised & Confirmed & Hailey to be Confirmed

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, Susan, Tom.

The Departed: for Jacob Livingston (Bishop) and all the Recently Departed, and 22nd - Nellie Pegden, 23rd - Alice Meen, 24th - Kathleen Bagshaw, Rolf Prior, 26th - William Gould, Elizabeth Canning, Gladys Ellis, David Lamb, 28th - Ellen Giles, Roland Mills, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

	Season		Mass	Intention
M	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Young families
Tu	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m.	Bishop Luke
W	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham 7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross	The Richborough Parishes
Th	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m.	Famine rescue
F	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Care for the dying
Sa	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Those being Confirmed
Su	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	✠	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 allsaintsperrystreet@gmail.com by Wednesday evening.</i>		Hall Bookings 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 Greetings cards for sale 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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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 22nd February 2026



The First Sunday of Lent

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant: Fr James

Preacher: Fr James

Please take this Bulletin home with you.
Help us be a greener Church by returning the Mass card.

Mass setting: *Revised New People's Mass*

Hymns for Today's Mass – *The Second Adam*

Forty days and forty nights	<i>reflecting on the Gospel</i>
Praise to the Holiest in the height	<i>reflecting on the O T reading</i>
Lord Jesus think on me	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
There's a wideness in God's mercy	<i>Lent</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.

Have you given something up for Lent, or are you doing something extra? One option would be to come to **Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.15 p.m.** another option would be to read more of your Bible. The daily Mass readings can be found at universalis.com or on the Universalis app (£9.99), where you will also find Morning and Evening Prayer. Ask Martin if you need help setting it up. Morning Prayer is said in Church every Sunday at 9.00 a.m. Why not join us during Lent?

A reminder that our **Lent Project** this year is **Mary's Meals**. More details are on the inside of 8th February's Bulletin. Details of all the Services up to the Second Sunday of Easter are on the inside of 15th February's Bulletin. There a few copies left in the south aisle.

We will be cleaning the Church on Saturday from 10.00 a.m.

Emergency Contact Forms are available from Rita. Please collect one, if you havent already, and return it next week.

Bishop Luke will be here to Celebrate the **Rites of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) at **7.00 p.m.** on **Monday 2nd March**. We need your help to provide the Reception after the Service. There is a list on the table in the refreshment area for volunteers. Donations should be brought on the day and placed in the fridge that will be at the back of the Church. *The hall is in use by children until 6.30 p.m. so we will have no access to it before that time for any purpose.*

Rochester Choral Society presents "**The Dream of Gerontius**" in Rochester Cathedral on **Saturday 21st March at 6.00 p.m.** Book your tickets online at rochesterchoral.co.uk or email tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk

We will be holding an **Easter egg hunt** for children in the Church and grounds on **Saturday 28th March**, 3 sessions at 11.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Spread the word.

Rita is collecting Easter eggs again this year for "We Are Beams" for children with special needs. Please bring to Parish Mass and pass them to her. Closing date 29th March. Grateful thanks for your continued support each year.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 28th February 10.00 a.m. Church cleaning

Monday 2nd March 7.00 p.m. Rites of Initiation

Saturday 7th March 10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Saturday 21st March 10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

First reading **Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7** *The creation and sin of our first parents.*

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God actually say, “You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?”’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalter page 21* **Ps 51(50):3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14, 17. R cf. 3a**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

*Have mercy on me, O God, /
according to your mer-cy-ful love;
according to your great compassion, /
blot out my trans-gressions.
Wash me completely from my in-iquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. R*

*My transgressions, tru-ly I know them;
my sin is al-ways before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. R*

*Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spi-rit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spi-rit from me. R*

*Restore in me the joy of your sal-vation;
sustain in me a will-ing spirit.
O Lord, o-pen my lips
and my mouth shall pro-claim your praise.*

Second reading **Romans 5:12-19** *‘Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.’*

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:4b**

*Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory
Praise to you, O Christ . . .
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ . . .*

Gospel **Matthew 4:1-11** *Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.*

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the

devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”’ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Mt 4: 4**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

or: **Cf. Ps 90: 4**

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. Through Christ our Lord.