

**The Lamps are not Sponsored
this week**

Lamp Sponsorship

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

We pray for:

Peace in between Ukraine and Russia in Syria, Sudan, Yemen, the and all places of unrest, and an end to War in the Middle East.

A continuation of the ceasefire between Israel and Gaza.

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, Susan, Susie, Tom.

The Departed: for all the Recently Departed, and 15th- Irene Elliott, 16th – Elsie Haynes, 17th – Wilfred Shergold, Francis Searle (Priest), 18th – Irene Scutts, 21st – Michael Beek (Priest), whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace*

	Season		Mass	Intention
M	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	World peace
Tu	St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary	F	9.30 a.m.	The Church in Ireland
W	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham 7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross	<i>The Church in the Holy Land</i>
Th	St Joseph, spouse of Our Lady	S	9.30 a.m.	Care of the Sick
F	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Hospices
Sa	<i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	True penitence
Su	FIFTH 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	Rosaries for sale
Greetings cards for sale	A collection box for used postage stamps
A box for Donations for Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank	for the Bone Cancer Research
	Lamp Sponsorship list and envelopes

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 15th March 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

*Celebrant: Fr Lindsay
Preacher: Hilary*



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 – From Darkness to light

I will sing the wondrous story	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
I cannot tell	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
Just as I am, without one plea	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
Take up thy cross, the Saviour said	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>

Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays in Lent at 7.15 p.m.

Saturday Cuppa in the hall, this Saturday from 10.00 a.m.

A reminder that our **Lent Project** this year is **Mary's Meals**. There a few copies of the Lent and Easter leaflets in the south aisle.

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

Gravesham Choral Society presents "**The Crucifixion**" at St George's Church, Gravesend at 7.30 p.m. on **Saturday 28th March**.

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 21st March 10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Saturday 28th March 11.00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 31st March 12.00 p.m. Richborough Chrism Mass
at Rochester Cathedral

Maundy Thursday 2nd April
8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Last Supper
followed by a Watch until Midnight

Good Friday – 3rd April
9.00 a.m. Church open for silent Prayer
10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross & silent Rosary
2.00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Cross

Holy Saturday – 4th April
10.00 a.m. Preparing the Church for Easter
9.00 p.m. Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday - 5th April
10.00 a.m. Solemn Parish Mass

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

LAETARE SUNDAY - REFRESHMENT SUNDAY - MOTHERING SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied
at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race
to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a *David is anointed king of Israel.*

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

In those days: The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.

Responsorial Psalm page 26 Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

*The Lord is my shepherd; /
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures /
where he gives me re-pose.
Near restful wa-ters he leads me;
he re-vives my soul. **R***

*He guides me along the right path, /
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley /
of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff
will give me comfort. **R***

*You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R***

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days un-ending. **R***

Second reading Ephesians 5:8-14 *'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'*

A reading from the Letter
of St Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Acclamation before the Gospel Jn 8:12

*Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.*

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me
will have the light of life.*

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

Gospel John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 *'He went and washed and received his sight.'*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.

Glor ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam'

(which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**