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Sudhamani DAMMALA and
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and In Memory of
Esther RANI GUMMADI RIP

Lamp Sponsorship

Dates available: 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.

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 all the Recently Departed, and 10th – Henry Barnes, 11th – Joyce Dalley, 12th – Archie Allan, Edna Doyle, 13th – June Pratt, Monica Barrow, Winifred Calmels, 14th – Doris Smith, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace*

	Season		Mass	Intention
M	Lent Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Victims of Famine
Tu	Lent Feria		9.30 a.m.	Local schools
W	Lent Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Our neighbours
			7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
Th	Lent Feria		9.30 a.m.	Relief agencies
F	Lent Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Wisdom
Sa	Lent Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Elderly in care
Su	LENT 4 Laetare Sunday	☒	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 for the Bone Cancer Research
A box for Donations for Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank	Lamp Sponsorship list and envelopes

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 8th March 2026

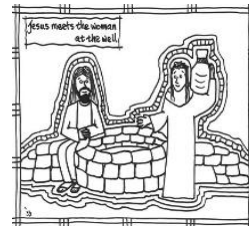
The Third Sunday of Lent

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 – Thirst for water

Lord, who throughout these 40 days	Third Sunday of Lent
Jesu lover of my soul	Third Sunday of Lent
As the deer pants for the water	reflecting on the OT & Gospel
Glorious things of thee are spoken	Third Sunday of Lent

Tonight at 5.00 p.m. Richborough Service of Penance and Anointing, at St John's, Sevenoaks. Preacher Fr Stephen Mitchell SSC. followed by Lenten refreshments.

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

Thank you for your support at last Monday's Christian Initiation Service and to those who prepared the Church and donated the refreshments.

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday and Mothering Sunday. Usually the men of the Church prepare small possies of daffodils for the Ladies and we give them out at the end of Mass. If you can make the possies please speak to Martin.

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

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

or: Cf. Ezk 36: 23-26

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from
all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you
from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit,
says the Lord.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy
and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession
of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down
by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
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 Exodus 17:3-7

'Give us water to drink.'

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the Lord said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of

the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm page 24
Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. **R7c, 8a**

**O that today you would listen
to his voice!**

'Harden not your hearts.'

*Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.*

Let us come into his presence,

giv-ing thanks;

*let us hail him with a song of praise. **R***

O come; let us bow and bend low.

*Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,*

the people of his pasture,

*the flock of his hand. **R***

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meri-bah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert /

when your forebears put me to the test;

when they tried me,

*though they saw my work.' **R***

Second reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*Love has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit who has been given to us.*

A reading from the Letter

of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord

Acclamation before the Gospel

Cf. Jn 4:42, 15

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

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

*Lord, you are indeed
the Saviour of the world;
give me living water,
so that I will not be thirsty.*

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

For a shorter form of the Gospel

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Gospel

John 4:5-42

'A spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a

spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'

➤ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him, <

'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

➤ Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages

and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' <

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him

➤ because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' <

So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface - The Samaritan Woman

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink, he had already created the gift of faith within her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith, that he kindled in her the fire of divine love.

And so we, too, give you thanks and with the Angels praise your mighty deeds, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy . . .

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being

brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**