

The Church of England The Diocese of Rochester

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN



9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Mass of Joy and Peace setting

Celebrant: Fr Simon

Preacher: Fr Simon

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.



Our Parish is in Interregnum. For Church matters contact the Churchwardens, for Spiritual matters contact Fr James or Fr Simon. To book a Baptism or Wedding contact Martin.

We will be cleaning the Church on Saturday from 9.30 a.m. Your help would be appreciated. Refreshments will be provided.

Little Lambs is on a break, returning on 10th January.

Lamp Sponsorship dates for 2024 now available. Suggested donation £10. *If you Sponsored the Lamps in 2023 your date has been "Reserved". Please speak to Martin for more details.*

A selection of **Greeting Cards and gifts** are available in the south aisle, with the information leaflets and booklets. All proceeds are for Church Funds. Christmas cards still available. Buy early for next year!

Please leave your **used postage stamps** from the UK and around the world for the **Bone Cancer Research Unit** in the box at the back of the Church.

Donations for **Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank** can be left in the box in the south aisle.

Sign up to easyfundraising today to turn your online shopping into free donations for All Saints Church Perry Street. Join today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/all-saints-perry-street/f4iqq0/c2s/2of16/EJ/CE787/facebook/>

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 6th January

9.30 a.m. Church cleaning

Sunday 7th January - The Epiphany

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Saturday 13th January

9.30 a.m. Mass for Walsingham

Saturday 20th January

10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Tuesday 6th February

6.30 p.m. Confirmation Service



The Lamps are Sponsored
In Thanksgiving for the Birth of
Jvy Southward
14th December 2023

We pray for:

Ukraine, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Israel, Gaza and places of unrest.

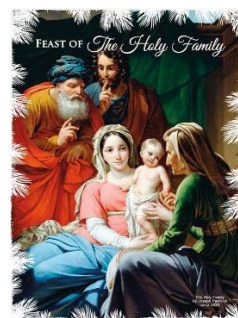
Fr Kevin and Jen in Jerusalem until it is safe to return home to Jaffa.

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

The Sick or in need of Prayer: Brenda, Garth, Jennifer (D), Charlie (D), Sylvia (D), Charlie (P), Sue, Richard, Sian, Bonnie, Ann, Betty, Diana, Amy.

Thanksgiving for the Departed: for Mary Newman, Lettie, Gerry Brewer and all the Recently Departed and 1st – Mary Gay, 2nd – Alfred Hearn, 3rd – Joyce Dockrell, 4th – Hilda Funnell, 5th – Vincent Ruane whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season		Service	Intention
M	Mary, Mother of God	S	10.00 a.m. Mass	The New Year
Tu	<i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	M	9.30 a.m. Mass	Peace in the World
W	Most Holy Name of Jesus		<i>9.30 am Mass at St John's</i>	Street sleepers
Th	<i>Christmas-tide Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass	Parish growth
F	<i>Christmas-tide Feria</i>		<i>9.30 am Mass at St John's</i>	Our families
Sa	<i>Christmas-tide Feria</i>		<i>9.30 am Mass at St John's</i>	Mental health care
Su	The Epiphany of the Lord	✠	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	The Parish



Parish Priest <i>Post Vacant</i>	
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<i>All items for the Bulletin, Lamp sponsorship and intercessions requests should be sent to Martin by Wednesday evening.</i>	

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2: 16

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
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 Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her
sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning
for his sins, he who honours his mother is
like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever
respects his father will be happy with
children of his own, he shall be heard on the
day when he prays. Long life comes to him
who honours his father, he who sets his
mother at ease is showing obedience to the
Lord. My son, support your father in his old
age, do not grieve him during his life. Even
if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and
strength; for kindness to a father shall not be
forgotten but will serve as reparation for your
sins.

or Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram
in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your
shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you
intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then
Abram said, 'See, you have given me no
descendants; some man of my household will
be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord
was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your
heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and
blood.' Then taking him outside he said,
'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you
can. Such will be your descendants' he told
him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who
counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he
had said, and did what he had promised. So
Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham
in his old age, at the time God had promised.
Abraham named the son born to him Isaac,
the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127(128):1-5

**R O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be hap-py and prosper. **R**

Your wife will be like a fruit-ful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
a-round your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
Those who fear the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **R**

or Psalm 104(105):1-6, 8-9

R He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! **R**

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. **R**

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R**

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. **R**

Second reading Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call
to set out for a country that was the
inheritance given to him and his descendants,
and that he set out without knowing where he
was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah,
in spite of being past the age, was made able
to conceive, because she believed that he
who had made the promise would be faithful
to it. Because of this, there came from one
man, and one who was already as good as
dead himself, more descendants than could
be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or
the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to
the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to
sacrifice his only son even though the
promises had been made to him and he had
been told: *It is through Isaac that your name
will be carried on.* He was confident that
God had the power even to raise the dead;
and so, figuratively speaking, he was given
back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

or

Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the Letter
of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he
loves you, and you should be clothed in
sincere compassion, in kindness and
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with
one another; forgive each other as soon as a
quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you;
now you must do the same. Over all these
clothes, to keep them together and complete
them, put on love. And may the peace of
Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for
this that you were called together as parts of
one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its
richness, find a home with you. Teach each
other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.
With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and
hymns and inspired songs to God; and never
say or do anything except in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you
should in the Lord. Husbands, love your
wives and treat them with gentleness.
Children, be obedient to your parents always,
because that is what will please the Lord.
Parents, never drive your children to
resentment or you will make them feel
frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb1:1-2

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke.

Glory ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ O Lord.

When the day came for them to be purified
as laid down by the Law of Moses, the
parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to
present him to the Lord, [observing what
stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every
first-born male must be consecrated to the
Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in
accordance with what is said in the Law of
the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young
pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named
Simeon. He was an upright and devout man;
he looked forward to Israel's comforting and
the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he

would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.]

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord,
the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that,
through the intercession of the Virgin
Mother of God and Saint Joseph,
you may establish our families
firmly in your grace and your peace.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Bar 3: 38

Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.

Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh
with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly
the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

