

The Church of England The Diocese of Rochester

All Saints, Perry Street

Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough

WEEKLY BULLETIN

The Greatest Commandments:
Love the lord your God with
all your *Heart*
and with all your mind and
love thy neighbor as thyself
Matthew 22 37:38

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass
Mass of Joy & Peace setting
Celebrant: Fr James
Preacher: Fr Andrew

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. With your support we can continue as usual.

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 4th November at 11.30 a.m. A Service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or on early years also for those grieving that they have never been able to conceive. sayinggoodbye.org

Helpers are required for the **Christmas Fayre** on 25th November. This includes stall holders, setting up and clearing up!! We already have one helper to serve refreshments for the Christmas Fayre but we especially would like a couple more volunteers to help. Raffle Tickets are 50p each, £2.50 per book.

Christmas Cards are available £5 per pack of 8 cards - sold in aid of church funds.

Bishop Norman will be here at 6.30 p.m. on **Tuesday 6th February** to Administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. If you or your child would like to be Confirmed please give your name to Rita or Garth. Classes will be arranged.

All Saints Day (1st November) - a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 10.00 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. **All Soul's Day** - (2nd November) a day of Prayer for the Departed - Mass at 10.00 a.m. If you would like a Memorial Candle on a windowsill for All Souls Day please write the details of the Loved One you are remembering on the front of an envelope (C6 size is best), your name on the back and place a donation inside the envelope, please do not seal the envelope. Once completed hand it to Martin. List for names for the Requiem Mass on the table in the south aisle.

Lamp Sponsorship dates for 2024 now available. New envelopes on the table in the south aisle.

Little Lambs are back on Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. in the hall.

The Lamps are Sponsored
In Memory of
Grandparents and relatives
of Fr James and Elspeth

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 1st November

All Saints Day

SOLEMNITY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10.00 a.m. Mass 7.30 p.m. Mass

Thursday 2nd November – All Souls Day

10.00 a.m. Requiem Mass

Saturday 4th November

9.30 a.m. Church cleaning

Saturday 11th November

10.00 a.m. Walsingham Mass

Saturday 18th November

10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Saturday 25th November

11.00 a.m. Christmas Fayre 10.00 a.m.

We pray for

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

Fr Kevin and Jen who have been advised not to return to their home in Jaffa.

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

The Sick or in need of Prayer: Brenda, Garth, Jennifer (D), Charlie (D), Sylwia (D), Charlie (P), Sue, Richard, Maison, Naomi, Bonnie, Sian, Ann, Laura (H), Nick, Kay, Andrew, Howard, Samson.

Thanksgiving for the Departed: for Glenys Ellis and all the Recently Departed 30th – Norma Bell, whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they Rest in Peace.

	Season		Service	Intention
M	Feria		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's	Young offenders
Tu	Feria		Mass 10.00 a.m.	Theological colleges
W	ALL SAINTS DAY	☒ S	10.00 a.m. Mass 7.30 p.m. Mass	Saints & Martyrs, known & unknown
Th	All Souls Day		Mass 10.00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
F	St Martin de Porres	M	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's	Peace in Israel
Sa	St Charles Borromeo	M	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's	Unity among Churches
Su	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	☒	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	The Parish

Parish Priest

Post Vacant

Churchwarden	Churchwarden
Garth Fisher 07359 138 267	Rita Shaw 07734 505 554
Honorary Assistant Priest	Honorary Assistant Priest
Father Simon Walker 07794 523 179	Father James Southward 07805 770 042
Safeguarding Officer	Hall Bookings
Susan Johncock 07984 616 906	Angela Hill 07598 160 937

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit
what you promise.

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 22:20-26

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, O God, my strength.

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I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fort-ress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help,
my stronghold.

I love you, Lord, O God, my strength.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.
Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,

I love you, Lord, O God, my strength.

He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his a-nointed.
I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fort-ress, my saviour.

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Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the Letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Ac 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings
we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us
in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy
at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

or: Eph 5: 2

Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**