

The Church of England The Diocese of Rochester

All Saints, Perry Street

Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 22nd December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Simon

**Please take this Bulletin home with you.
Please return the Mass card for re-use.**

PLEASE NOTE: ALL WEEKDAY MASSES BETWEEN CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL BE AT 10.00 a.m.

After Mass today we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. The Choir will be singing at St Michael and All Angel's, Maidstone at 4.00 p.m. Supporters welcome.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is available by appointment with one of the Priests.

There is an additional Mass on Monday at 9.30 a.m. as we mark the last day of Advent. There is no Mass on Tuesday morning.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (A Holy Day of Obligation) 11.30 p.m. Mass in the Night. 10.00 a.m. Mass in the Day.

Mass on the Feast of Stephen (Thursday) is at 10.00 a.m.

On Friday we are invited to St John's, Higham to Celebrate their Patronal Festival at 7.30 p.m.

Especially for Children there will be a Crib and Christingle Service at 3.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will be making the Christingles at 10.00 a.m.

Come and relax after a busy few days at our "Get over Christmas" Coffee morning on Saturday at 10.00 a.m.

There is a rota for making the tea and coffee after Mass on Sundays and a new Flower arranging rota. Please sign up in the south aisle.

There is a big Christmas card where we can greet each other. Donations gratefully received for Demelza House, along with the Donations from the Afternoon tea and Carols.

Rita has "Stars" available for £1 each. You can write a Dedication for a Loved One on the star which will be hung on a small Christmas tree, near the blue boards. Proceeds to the Children's Society.

Lamp Sponsorship Dates available in early 2025 are 5th January, 29th January. Suggested donation £10. Envelopes and list are on the table in the south aisle.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 24th December 3.00 p.m.
Crib and Christingle Service
Collection taken for the Children's Society

The Nativity of the Lord
11.30 p.m. Mass in the Night
10.00 a.m. Mass in the Day

Friday 27th December 7.30 p.m.
St John's, Higham, Patronal Festival

Saturday 28th December 10.00 a.m.
"Get over Christmas" Coffee morning

Wednesday 1st January Mass 10.00 a.m.
The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sunday 5th January Mass 10.00 a.m.
The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 12th January Mass 10.00 a.m.
The Baptism of the Lord (The last day of Christmas-tide)

**The Lamps are Sponsored
In Memory of Valerie and Albert Stroud**

May They Rest in Peace

We pray for:

Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, The Holy Land, and all places of unrest.

Fr Kevin and Jen in Jaffa, Israel.

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel, Bishop of Richborough Designate

The Sick or those in need of Prayer: The King, Amy, Bonnie, Carole, Charlie and Jennifer, Charlie (P), 'Kay', Margaret, Michael, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

Thanksgiving for the Departed: for all the Recently Departed and 23rd – Matthias Barker (child), 24th – Lilian Noakes, Muriel Linder, 25th – Jeffrey Scutts, Elizabeth Stapleton, Henry Ellis, Albert Stroud, 27th – Peter May, 28th – Lillian Deadman, Mary-Ann Glendenning, Dawn Pond, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	<i>O Emanuel</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass	Christmas Travellers
Tu	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		NO MORNING MASS at All Saints or St John's 3.00 p.m. Crib & Christingle Service	Paramedics
W	The Nativity of the Lord	☒	11.30 p.m. Mass in the Night 10.00 a.m. Mass in the Day	The Parish
Th	St Stephen	F	10.00 a.m. Mass	St Stephen's House
F	St John the Evangelist	F	7.30 p.m. Patronal Mass at St John's	St John's Higham
Sa	The Holy Innocents	F	10.00 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Children in danger
Su	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	☒	9.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Mass	The Parish

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

Parish Priest <i>Post Vacant</i>	Churchwarden Garth Fisher 07359 138 267	Churchwarden Rita Shaw 07734 505 554
Hon Asst Priest Fr Simon Walker 07794 523 179	Hon Asst Priest Fr James Southward 07805 770 042	Hon Asst Priest Fr Lindsay McKenna
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**To receive this Bulletin by email,
please email the Parish Administrator**

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.

THE SOUTH AISLE TODAY:

Tea making rota
Christmas cards for sale
Information leaflets
A box for Donations for
Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank

Flower arranging rota
Greetings cards for sale
A collection box for
used postage stamps
for the **Bone Cancer Research Unit.**

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above,
you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down
the Just One;
let the earth be opened
and bring forth a Saviour.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom
the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known
by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory
of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading Micah 5:1-4

*'From you shall come forth
one who is to be ruler in Israel.'*

A reading from the Book
of the Prophet Micah

Thus says the Lord: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. ±4

**Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth,
and we shall be saved.**

*O shepherd of Is-ra-el, hear us,
enthroned on the cheru-bim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might
and come to save us. **R***

*God of hosts, turn again, we im-plore;
look down from hea-ven and see.
Visit this vine and pro-tect it,
the stock your right hand has planted. **R***

*May your hand be on the man
at your right hand,
the son of man
you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you a-gain;
give us life
that we may call up-on your name. **R***

Second reading Hebrews 10:5-10

'Behold, I have come to do your will.'

A reading from the Letter
to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will'. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel Lk 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let it be to me according to your word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

*'Why is this granted to me that the mother
of my Lord should come to me?'*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Glory ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**