

The Church of England The Diocese of Rochester

All Saints, Perry Street

Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 29th December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant: Fr Lindsay

Preacher: June

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

Thank you to everyone who decorated the Church for Christmas and to those who supported our Christmas events and Services.



Thank you for your support for Demelza. The donations at the Afternoon Tea and Carols were £112.31 added to that are the £72.00 donations for the "Big Card". **A total of £184.31 will be sent to Demelza.**



Thank you also for your support for The Children's Society. The donations at the Crib and Christingle Service were £136.32, still to be added to that are the donations for the "Stars

All Masses within the Octave of Christmas will be at **10.00 a.m.** There will be an additional Mass on **Wednesday** for the **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.**

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

Walsingham Mass, with Healing Ministries - Saturday 11th January.

Saturday Cuppa - 18th January.

Church cleaning - Saturday 25th January.

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

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

Saturday 11th January
Walsingham Mass, with Healing Ministries
refreshments served afterwards

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

Saturday 18th January 10.00 a.m.
Saturday Cuppa, with *Monthly Draw and Tombola*

Saturday 25th January 9.30 a.m.
Church cleaning

The Lamps are Sponsored

**In Memory of
Donald and June Shaw**

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.

Fr 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 29th – Lottie Wenman, 30th – Roger Fream. 1st – Mary Gay, 2nd – Alfred Hearn, 3rd – Joyce Dockrell, 4th – Hilda Funnell whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	6 th Day in the Christmas Octave		10.00 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Fire and Rescue Service
Tu	7 th Day in the Christmas Octave		10.00 a.m. Mass	Thanksgiving for the old year
W	The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	✠	10.00 a.m. Mass	The Society of Mary
Th	<i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen.</i>	M	9.30 a.m. Mass	2025
F	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	M	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Perseverance
Sa	<i>Weekday of Christmas</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Police Force
Su	The Epiphany of the Lord	✠	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
Safeguarding Officer Susan Johncock 07984 616 906	Readers June Skinner Hilary Turton	Hall Bookings Angela Hill 07598 160 937
Parish Administrator Martin Hill 07756 736 548 allsaintsperrystreet@gmail.com		<i>All items for the Bulletin, Lamp sponsorship and intercessions requests should be sent to Martin by Wednesday evening.</i>

*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.

IN THE SOUTH AISLE TODAY:

Tea making rota
Flower arranging rota
Information leaflets
A box for Donations for **Northfleet Hive Hope Foodbank**

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



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 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

'Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord.'

A reading from the Book of Samuel

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son,
and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I
have asked for him from the Lord.'
The man Elkanah and all his house went up to
offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay
his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said
to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned,
I will bring him, so that he may appear in the
presence of the Lord and dwell there for ever.'
And when she had weaned him, she took him
up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an
ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she
brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh.
And the child was young. Then they
slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child
to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live,
my lord, I am the woman who was standing
here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For
this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me
my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have
lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is
lent to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord
there.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84(83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10. *±cf. 5a*

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
O Lord.**

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts.
My soul is long-ing and yearning
for the courts of the Lord. R*

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever sing-ing your praise.
Blessed the people whose strength is in you,
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways. R*

*O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
look on the face of your a-nointed. R*

Second reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

'We are called children of God; and so we are.'

A reading from the First Letter of St John

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has
given to us, that we should be called children of
God; and so we are. The reason why the world
does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now, and what
we will be has not yet appeared; but we know
that when he appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we
have confidence before God; and whatever we
ask we receive from him, because we keep his
commandments and do what pleases him. And
this is his commandment, that we believe in the
name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one
another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever
keeps his commandments abides in God, and
God in him. And by this we know that he abides
in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Acts 16:14b

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention
to the words of your Son.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every
year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he
was twelve years old, they went up according to
custom. And when the feast was ended, as they
were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in
Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but
supposing him to be in the group they went a
day's journey, but then they began to search for
him among their relatives and acquaintances,
and when they did not find him, they returned
to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three
days they found him in the Temple, sitting
among the teachers, listening to them and
asking them questions. And all who heard him
were amazed at his understanding and his

answers. And when his parents saw him, they
were astonished. And his mother said to him,
'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your
father and I have been searching for you in great
distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you
looking for me? Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?' And they did not
understand the saying that he spoke to them.
And he went down with them and came to
Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his
mother treasured up all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature
and in favour with God and man.

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.**

Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Bow down for the blessing.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the
Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from
the world and by that glorious Birth has
illuminated this most holy day, drive far from you
the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts
with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

May God, who willed that the great joy of his
Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds
by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness
he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.
Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought
together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you
with the gift of his peace and favour and make
you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the
Father, and the Son, ✕ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for
ever. **Amen.**