

The Church of England      The Diocese of Rochester

**All Saints, Perry Street**

*Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord**



**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.  
Please return the Mass card for re-use.**

Please join us on **Saturday** at **10.00 a.m.** for **Saturday Cuppa**, with Tombola and Monthly Draw (formerly 100 Club). If you pay your subscriptions quarterly in cash these are now due. New members always welcome. Forms in the south aisle.

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.

Fr Luke will be Consecrated as Bishop on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m. at Canterbury Cathedral. All Welcome.

**The Society of Mary** is organising a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025** and you and your people are invited to come along. Flights to and from Heathrow. It's a wonderful few days where we worship together as a group and take part in the Liturgical life of the Sanctuary. Excursions to enjoy something of the beautiful local area are included. We stay in the excellent and well-situated Eliseo Hotel. Prices are full board. *Those aged 12-18 years old will stay at the Youth Village and are heavily subsidised by the Society so it costs them only £100.* For others the price is £765 plus a single person supplement of £140. Do please book with Tangney. You'll find more information at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/society-of-mary/departures/>

**Dates for Your Diary**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 a.m.  
Saturday Cuppa, with Monthly Draw and Tombola

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 a.m.  
Church cleaning

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 a.m.  
Walsingham Mass, with Healing Ministries  
*refreshments served afterwards*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 p.m.  
Fr Luke's Consecration as Bishop

**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.**

**The Lamps are Sponsored in Memory of  
Lawrence Paul Smith (Priest)**  
✠ **RIP 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Lamp Sponsorship** Dates available:  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March,  
6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June.  
. Suggested donation £10.  
Envelopes and list are on the table in the south aisle.

*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', Kerry, Margaret, Michael, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

**Thanksgiving for the Departed:** for all the Recently Departed and 12<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Ackers, 14<sup>th</sup> – Ronald Grant, Betty Gay, Brenda Martin, 16<sup>th</sup> – Frank Ironmonger, Barbara Foster, Jean Hopson Hill, 17<sup>th</sup> – Ernest Lean, Lawrence Smith (Priest), 18<sup>th</sup> – Gladys Haynes, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

**THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

	<i>Season</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Intention</i>
M	<i>St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham</i>	The Faithful Departed
Tu	<i>Ordinary Time Feria</i>		<i>9.30 a.m. Mass</i>	Local medical centres
W	<i>Ordinary Time Feria</i>		<i>9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham</i>	The Richborough Family
Th	<i>Ordinary Time Feria</i>		<i>9.30 a.m. Mass</i>	Our Local Council
F	<i>Ordinary Time Feria</i>		<i>9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham</i>	Christians in danger
Sa	<i>St Antony, Abbot</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham</i>	Christian Unity
Su	<b>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	✠	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Mass</b>	<b>The Parish</b>

**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.

<b>Parish Priest</b> <i>Post Vacant</i>	<b>Churchwarden</b> Garth Fisher 07359 138 267	<b>Churchwarden</b> Rita Shaw 07734 505 554
<b>Hon Asst Priest</b> Fr Simon Walker 07794 523 179	<b>Hon Asst Priest</b> Fr James Southward 07805 770 042	<b>Hon Asst Priest</b> Fr Lindsay McKenna
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b> Susan Johncock 07984 616 906	<b>Readers</b> June Skinner Hilary Turton	<b>Hall Bookings</b> Angela Hill 07598 160 937
<b>Parish Administrator</b> 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.

## Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Mt 3: 16-17**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ  
had been baptized in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
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.**

*or:*

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
has appeared in our very flesh,  
grant, we pray,

that we may be inwardly transformed  
through him whom we recognise  
as outwardly like ourselves.

Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First reading **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

*'The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together.'*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is  
pardoned, that she has received from the  
Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice  
cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of  
the Lord; make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God. Every valley shall be  
lifted up, and every mountain and hill be  
made low; the uneven ground shall become  
level, and the rough places a plain. And the  
glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all  
flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of  
the Lord has spoken.' Go on up to a high  
mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift  
up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem,  
herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say  
to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your  
God!' Behold, the Lord God comes with  
might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his  
reward is with him, and his recompense  
before him. He will tend his flock like a  
shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his  
arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and  
gently lead those that are with young.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 104(103):1-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. ±1**

**Bless the Lord, my soul!  
My God, how great you are!**

*O Lord my God, how great you are,  
clothed in majes-ty and honour,  
wrapped in light as with a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R***

*On the waters you lay  
the foundation for your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot; /  
you ride on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers,  
flame and fire your servants. **R***

*How many are your works, O Lord! /  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your creatures.  
Vast and wide is the span of the sea, /  
with its creeping past counting,  
living things great and small. **R***

*All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they ga-ther it up;  
you open wide your hand,  
they are well filled. **R***

*You hide your face, they are dismayed; /  
you take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are cre-ated  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R***

## Second reading **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

*'He saved us by the washing of  
regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.'*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Titus

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared,  
bringing salvation for all people, training us  
to renounce ungodliness and worldly  
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright,  
and godly lives in the present age, waiting  
for our blessed hope, the appearing of the  
glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us  
from all lawlessness, and to purify for  
himself a people for his own possession who  
are zealous for good works. But when the  
goodness and loving kindness of God our  
Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because  
of works done by us in righteousness, but  
according to his own mercy, by the washing  
of regeneration and renewal of the Holy  
Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that  
being justified by his grace we might become  
heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Acclamation before the Gospel

**Cf. Luke 3:16**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
He who is mightier than I  
is com-ing, said John  
He will Baptise you  
with the Holy Spi-rit and fire.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Gospel **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

*'When Jesus had been baptised and was  
praying, the heavens were opened.'*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

**Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.**

At that time: As the people were filled with  
expectation, and all were questioning in their  
hearts concerning John, whether he might be  
the Christ, John answered them all, saying,  
'I baptise you with water, but he who is  
mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose  
sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will  
baptise you with the Holy Spirit and  
fire.' Now when all the people were  
baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus  
also had been baptised and was praying, the  
heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit  
descended on him in bodily form, like a  
dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You  
are my beloved Son; with you I am well  
pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honour the revealing of  
your beloved Son,  
so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon **Jn 1: 32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen  
and testified that this is the Son of God.

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we  
humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that,  
faithfully listening to your Only Begotten  
Son, we may be your children in name and in  
truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**