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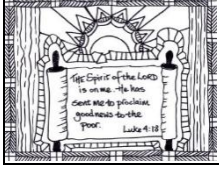
**All Saints, Perry Street**

*Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Sunday of the Word of God*



**9.00 a.m.**  
**Morning Prayer**

**10.00 a.m.**  
**Parish Mass**



Please take this Bulletin home with you.  
Help us be a greener Church by returning the Mass card.

Thank you to those who came and cleaned the Church yesterday.

On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon** Fr Luke Irvine-Capel will Celebrate **Mass at St Johns, Sevenoaks**. Coffee will be served from 11.15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and meet our Bishop designate. *There will be no morning Mass at All Saints on this day, our Mass will be at 7.00 p.m. before the PCC meeting.*

Please come and join us on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February** for **Saturday Cuppa** from **10.00 a.m.** Monthly Draw and Tombola. This is the first of our now twice monthly Cuppa.

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 of Richborough** on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.30 p.m. at **Canterbury Cathedral**. *All Welcome.*

**Dates for Your Diary**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 12 noon  
Mass at St John's, Sevenoaks, with Fr Luke Irvine-Capel

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7.00 p.m.  
Mass, *followed by PCC meeting*

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.00 a.m.  
Saturday Cuppa, *with Monthly Draw and Tombola*

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

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 a.m.  
Saturday Cuppa, *with Tombola*

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

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 p.m.  
Gads Hill School Spring Concert in Higham Church (free)

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.  
Richborough Family Lent Quiet Day  
at St Augustine's, Belvedere

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Society of Mary Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
*(see last weeks Bulletin for details)*

**IN THE SOUTH AISLE TODAY:**

Tea making rota  
Flower arranging rota  
Information leaflets  
and booklets  
Greetings cards, Rosaries  
and items for sale

A box for Donations for  
**Northfleet Hive Hope**  
**Foodbank**

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

**The Lamps are Sponsored in Memory of**

**Brian Mantle**

✠ **RIP 26th January 2023**

and

**Greta Capon**

**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), Gavin, 'Kay', Kerry, Liz, Margaret, Michael, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

**Thanksgiving for the Departed:** for all the Recently Departed and 26<sup>th</sup> – Edward Southwick, Brian Mantle, 27<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Green, 29<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Miler, 30<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Elleker, 31<sup>st</sup> – Edith Smith, Anne-Louise Carpenter, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

**The Third Week in Ordinary Time**

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Church in Need
Tu	St Thomas Aquinas	M	9.30 a.m. Mass	Sound teaching of the faith
W	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Priestly Vocations
Th	Weekday in Ordinary Time		7.00 p.m. Mass	The PCC
F	St John Bosco, Priest	M	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Education for all
Sa	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Christian Journey
Su	The Presentation 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.

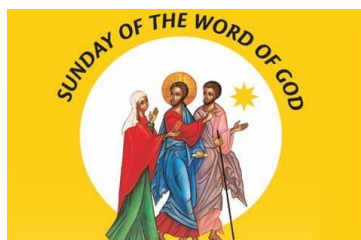
<b>Parish Priest</b> <i>Post Vacant</i>	<b>Churchwarden</b> Garth Fisher 07359 138 267	<b>Churchwarden</b> Rita Shaw 07734 505 554
<b>Hon Asst Priest</b> Fr Simon Walker 07794 523 179	<b>Hon Asst Priest</b> Fr James Southward 07805 770 042	<b>Hon Asst Priest</b> Fr Lindsay McKenna
<b>Safeguarding Officer</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. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty  
and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions  
according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
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 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 *'They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.'*

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their

heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.'

For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm page 181 **Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R John 6:63c**

**Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

*The law of the Lord is perfect;  
it re-vives the soul.*

*The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;  
they give wisdom to the simple. **R***

*The precepts of the Lord are right;  
they glad-den the heart.*

*The command of the Lord is clear;  
it gives light to the eyes. **R***

*The fear of the Lord is pure,  
abi-ding for ever.*

*The judgements of the Lord are true;  
they are, all of them, just.*

*May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rock and my re-deemer!*

### Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 *'You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.'*

A reading from the First Letter  
of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one

Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Acclamation before the Gospel Lk 4:18

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Lord has sent me*

*to proclaim good news to the poor;*

*to proclaim liberty to the captives.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

*'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.'*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us  
for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

*or:*

**Jn 8: 12**

I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord;  
whoever follows me  
will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**