

**The Lamps are Sponsored in Memory of
Martin David MacGibbon
✠ RIP 6th February 2022**

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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, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

Thanksgiving for the Departed: for Michael Stroud and all the Recently Departed and 4th – Hilda Young, Henry Bagshaw, Joy Britton, William Austin, 6th – Florence Mester, Martin MacGibbon, 7th – Gladys Moseling, 8th – John Bruce whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	<i>Ss Laurence, Theodore & Dunstan</i>	M	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury
Tu	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass	Famine relief
W	<i>St Agatha, Virgin</i>	M	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Church in Malta
Th	<i>St Paul Mikki & Companions</i>	M	9.30 a.m. Mass	The Church in Japan
F	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	'Renewal in all things'
Sa	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30 a.m. Walsingham Mass	Walsingham
Su	THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠	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.

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please email the Parish Administrator**

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 2nd February 2025

**The Presentation of the Lord
Candlemas**



**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.

Today's Hymns at Mass

Faithful vigil ended – *Nunc dimittis (reflecting of the Gospel)*
When candles are lighted – *(reflecting of the Gospel)*
Let all mortal flesh keep silence – *(reflecting on the Presentation)*
In his Temple now behold him - *(reflecting of the Gospel)*

On **Saturday** at **9.30 a.m.** there will be a **Walsingham Mass**, with Laying on of Hands and Anointing. Refreshments served afterwards

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 27th February at 2.30 p.m.** at **Canterbury Cathedral**. See overleaf for more details.

Fr Benjamin Eadon the new Administrator at the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham will Preach at Aylesford this year on Saturday 30th August the Richborough Family Mass at 12 noon. He will bring some of the Education Department who will provide activities for children.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 8th February 9.30 a.m.
Walsingham Mass, with Healing Ministries
refreshments served afterwards

Saturday 15th February 10.00 a.m.
Saturday Cuppa, *with Tombola*

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

Saturday 1st March 10.00 a.m.
Saturday Cuppa, *with Monthly Draw and Tombola*

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday

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

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

18th – 22nd August
Society of Mary Pilgrimage to Lourdes
(see previous Bulletins for details)

Saturday 30th August 12 noon
Richborough Family Mass at Aylesford Priory

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 Ordination and Consecration of the Bishop of Richborough will take place in Canterbury Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th February 2025

With grateful thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, the Ordination will follow the established custom used for the Ordination of the Bishops of Oswestry and Beverley.

All are welcome to attend this service and support Fr Luke with their prayers and presence. **However, a ticket (free) will be required.** You can register for a ticket at <https://www.evenbrite.co.uk/e/general-congregation-for-bishop-richborough-consecration-service-tickets-1215173630039>

Those who are unable to be physically present in the Cathedral are encouraged to join in prayer by following the live streaming of the service on [Canterbury Cathedral's YouTube Channel](#)

Please continue to pray for Fr Luke as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration as a Bishop in the Church of God and for all those whom he will serve across the See of Richborough and the wider Church of England. A novena, which begins on Wednesday 19th February, will be provided.

Some of us will be travelling on the 11.56 train from Ebbsfleet, arriving at Canterbury West at 12.35. Taking lunch in Canterbury before going to the Cathedral. Please let Martin know if you are going as we may be able to pool cars to reduce the cost of parking at Ebbsfleet. It looks as though the cost of a standard return will be in the region of £34.

Important Information for the Consecration Service:

Pedestrian access to the Cathedral Precincts is via Christ Church Gate.

Doors for the service open at 14.00, please be seated by 14.20.

Ticket holders have unreserved seats, and will be seated on a first come, first seated basis.

Where possible please bring a hard copy of your ticket on the day.

Regretfully there is no congregational parking on site except for agreed blue badge holders.

For details on attending a service, please visit www.canterbury-cathedral.org

Security Notice: *The Cathedral takes the safety and security of all our worshippers and visitors very seriously. If you are coming to the Cathedral, please be aware that as a condition of entry we reserve the right to search any bags or luggage on entry. Our Cathedral Constables and Visits Teams are there for your safety, so please do co-operate fully with all security checks and support these vital members of our team as they carry out important work to keep us all safe and sound. An exception will be made for medically necessary items after thorough proper inspection at a designated area set aside for this purpose.*



Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst
of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you
with minds made pure.
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 Malachi 3:1-4

*'The Lord whom you seek
will come to his Temple.'*

A reading from the Prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

**The Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory!**

*O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, anc-ient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R***

*Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, the might-ty, the valiant;
the Lord, the val-iant in war. **R***

*O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, an-cient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R***

Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory. **R**

Second reading Hebrews 2:14-18
*'He had to be made like his brothers,
so that he might become merciful.'*

A reading from
the Letter to the Hebrews

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel Lk 2:32

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your peo-ple Israel.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

'The child grew, filled with wisdom.'

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord')

and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Lk 2: 30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts
which we have received, O Lord,
bring your grace to perfection within us,
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation
that he would not see death
until he had been privileged
to welcome the Christ,
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,
obtain the gift of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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