

The Church of England The Diocese of Rochester

All Saints, Perry Street

Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 5th January 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant: Fr Lindsay

Preacher: Fr Lindsay

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

On Saturday there will be a Walsingham Mass, with Healing Ministries at 9.30 a.m. 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 on Thursday 27th February at 2.30 p.m. at Canterbury Cathedral. All Welcome.

The Society of Mary is organising a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd 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 11th January 9.30 a.m.
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

Thursday 27th February 2.30 p.m.
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**The Lamps are not Sponsored
this week**

Lamp Sponsorship Dates available:
23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March,
6th and 27th April, 11th and 18th May, 15th, 22nd and 29th 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 Richard Hanford (Priest) and all the Recently Departed and 5th – Vincent Ruane, 8th – Edward Aldrich, 9th – Enid Hoffman, Herbert Matthews, 11th – Martha Aldrich whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	<i>Season</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Intention</i>
M	<i>Monday after Epiphany</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Gratitude
Tu	<i>Tuesday after Epiphany</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass	Parish Priests
W	<i>Wednesday after Epiphany</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Young people in care
Th	<i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass	Famine relief
F	<i>Friday after Epiphany</i>		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Vocations to the Priesthood
Sa	<i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>		9.30 a.m. Walsingham Mass	Walsingham Shrines
Su	The Baptism 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 <u>Wednesday evening</u>.</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.



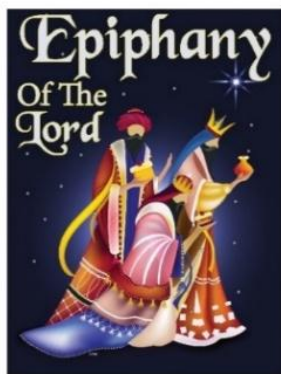
If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can increase your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, by completing the on-line Gift Aid declaration.

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Collect

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

'The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72(71):1-2,7-8,10-13

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

*O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your peo-ple in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R***

*In his days jus-tice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth **R***

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba / shall bring him gifts.

*Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all na-tions shall serve him. **R***

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help.

*He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **R***

Second reading **Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

'It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.'

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel **Mt 2:2**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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We saw his star as it rose

and have come to pay homage to the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

'We have come from the east to worship the king.'

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glorify ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."' Then

Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Communion Antiphon **Cf. Mt 2: 2**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**