

**The Lamps are Sponsored
for the Birthday Anniversary
of Gwendoline Skinner**

Lamp Sponsorship Dates available:
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.

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

The Departed: for all the Recently Departed 23rd – Alice Meen, 24th – Kathleen Bagshaw, Rolf Prior, 26th – William Gould, Elizabeth Canning, Gladys Ellis, David Lamb, 28th – Ellen Giles, Roland Miles, 1st – Violet Morfett, Annie Thompson whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Police service
Tu	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass	The Royal Family
W	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Lapsed Church members
Th	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass 14.30 Fr Luke's Consecration at Canterbury Cathedral	Fr Luke as he prepares for his Consecration
F	Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Paramedics
Sa	St David, Bishop	F	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	The Church in Wales
Su	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	☩	9.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Mass	The Parish

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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
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.**

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Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 23rd February 2025

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant: Fr James Preacher: Hilary



Please take this Bulletin home with you.

Help us be a greener Church by returning the Mass card.

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.

Hymns for Today's Mass – Companions

All creatures of our God and King – (*reflecting of the O T reading*)
I will sing the wonderous story – (*reflecting of the N T reading*)
Lord, we come ask your healing – (*Ordinary Time 7*)
Thou whose almighty word - (*reflecting of the O T reading*)

Our next **Saturday Cuppa** takes place on **Saturday** from **10.00 a.m.** in the hall. Tombola and monthly draw.

Please return your **Palm Crosses** so that we can make the **Palm Ash** for **Ash Wednesday**. Thank you.

Fr Luke will be **Consecrated as Bishop of Richborough** on **Thursday 27th February** at **2.30 p.m.** at **Canterbury Cathedral**. You will need a (free) ticket to enter. You can register for a ticket at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-congregation-for-bishop-richborough-consecration-service-tickets-1215173630039>

If you are travelling by train from Ebbsfleet please meet in our car park at 11.30 a.m. We will then pool our cars. 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**

Ash Wednesday is **5th March**. Mass, with **Ashing** at **9.30 a.m.** and **7.30 p.m.** (sung).

There will be a **"Bread and Cheese Lunch"** on **Ash Wednesday** 5th March at **12 noon** at **St George's Church Hall, Gravesend**. *All funds raised will be donated to Christian Aid.*

Bishop Luke will Celebrate and Preach at our Parish Mass on Sunday 16th March. **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

Dates for Your Diary

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

9.30 a.m. Mass, with Ashing

12.00 p.m. Christian Aid Lunch at St George's Church, Gravesend

7.30 p.m. Mass (sung), with Ashing

Thursday 6th March 2.00 p.m.

Gads Hill School Spring Concert in Higham Church (free)

Saturday 8th March 9.30 a.m.

Walsingham Mass, with Healing Ministries
refreshments served afterwards

Saturday 8th March 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Richborough Family Lent Quiet Day
at St Augustine's, Belvedere

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12: 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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.**

First reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

'The Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13. **R8a**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

*Bless the Lord, Q my soul,
and all within me, his ho-ly name.
Bless the Lord, Q my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R***

*It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you
with mercy and com-passion. **R***

*The Lord is compassion-ate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

*He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R***

*As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us*

does he remove our trans-gressions.

*As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord's compassion*

*is on those who fear him. **R***

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

*'Just as we have borne the image of the man
of dust, we shall also bear the image
of the man of heaven.'*

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

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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A new commandment I give to you,

says the Lord,

that you love one another,

just as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.'

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: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?

For even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend,

expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

or:

Jn 11: 27

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

