

**The Lamps are Sponsored this week  
In Thanksgiving  
for Bishop Luke's recent consecration**

**Lamp Sponsorship** Dates available:  
23<sup>rd</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> June.  
*Suggested donation £10.*  
*Envelopes and list are on the table in the south aisle.*

**We pray for:**

Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, and all places of unrest and for the Ceasefire in The Holy Land.

Our Parish during our Interregnum.

**The Sick or those in need of Prayer:** Pope Francis, The King, Amy, Bonnie, Carole, Charlie and Jennifer, Charlie (P), Charlotte, Finnian, Gavin, Harry, 'Kay', Kerry, Liz, Marc, Margaret, Mary, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

**The Departed:** for all the Recently Departed and 16<sup>th</sup> – Elsie Haynes, 17<sup>th</sup> – Wilfred Shergold, Francis Searle (Priest), 18<sup>th</sup> – Irene Scutts, 21<sup>st</sup> – Michael Beek (Priest), 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ivy Lowe, Percy Keeling, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland	F	9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Irish Christians
Tu	Weekday of the 2nd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass	Teachers
W	<b>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY</b>	S	9.30 a.m. Mass 10.00 a.m. Little lambs 7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Husbands and Fathers
Th	Weekday of the 2nd Week of Lent		7.00 p.m. Mass followed by PCC meeting	Our PCC
F	Weekday of the 2nd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Evangelisation
Sa	Weekday of the 2nd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Lapsed Worshipers
Su	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	✠	9.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Mass	The Parish

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**Our Parish is in Interregnum.**

For Church matters contact the Churchwardens,  
for Spiritual matters contact Fr James, Fr Simon or Fr Lindsay.

*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 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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**All Saints, Perry Street**  
*Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sunday 16th March 2025**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**



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



**9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**10.00 a.m. Parish Mass**

*Celebrant and Preacher:* Bishop Luke

**It's Lent.** We keep silence from the ringing of the five-minute bell until Mass begins. There will be silences during services, as the Organ and other instruments are only played to sustain singing. Please respect the silences and use them as a time for prayer. We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis or Alleluia in Lent, to emphasize the penitential nature of our spiritual journey. There are no flowers in the Church.

**Hymns for Today's Mass - Transfigured**

Bright the vision that delighted (*reflecting of the Gospel*)  
Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (*reflecting of the Gospel*)  
Soul of my Saviour (*reflecting of the Anima Christi*)  
'Tis good Lord to be here (*reflecting of the Gospel*)

Come and join us for our **Frugal Lunch** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at **12.00 p.m.** Please pre-order on the sheet in the south aisle. **Proceeds** to our Lent Project **WATERAID.**

We are invited the the **Annunciation, Chislehurst** on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** for their **Patronal Festival** at **7.30 p.m.** The Celebrant and Preacher will be Bishop Luke.

The **Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt** will take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March.** June is open to ideas and would welcome helpers.

Lent Leaflets are still available in the south aisle.

Rita is collecting Easter eggs for children with Special Needs. Most of the Eggs go to "We Are Beams " A charity which relies on donations. Last year we also collected enough eggs to send to Demelza. Closing date 6th April. Thank you in advance. You never let me down. God bless, *Rita.*

We have a number of Altar linens the require washing and ironing for Easter. If you can help please speak to Martin.

The Society in Rochester **Service of Penitence** will take place here on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April** at **5.00 p.m.**

Lists for the Watch and Readers at the Triduum are in the south aisle.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment with one of the Priests

**Dates for Your Diary**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 12.00 p.m. Frugal Lunch

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11.00 a.m. "Crafts and Activities"

Holy Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 p.m. Richborough Chrism Mass *at Rochester Cathedral*

**Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Last Supper**

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**2.00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.00 p.m. Vigil & First Mass of Easter**

**Easter Sunday**

**9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

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



## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my he art has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## or: Cf. Ps 24: 6, 2, 22

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

## Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your 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 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 *God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 27(26):1, 7-8b, 8c-9c, 13-14. R1a

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? R*

*O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.*

*Of you my heart has spoken, 'Seek his face.' R*

*It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

*Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R*

*I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

*Wait for the Lord; be strong;*

*be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! R*

## Second reading Philippians 3:17-4:1 *Christ will configure us to his glorious body.*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Acclamation before the Gospel

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*From a bright cloud,*

*the Father's voice was heard:*

*'This is my beloved Son, li-sten to him'.*

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel Luke 9:28b-36 *'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from . . . according to Luke.

**Glory ✕ to ✕ you, O ✕ Lord.**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✕ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**