

**The Lamps have not been
Sponsored this week**

Lamp Sponsorship Dates available:
6th and 27th April, 11th and 18th May, 15th, 22nd 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, Christine, Finnian, Gavin, Harry, 'Kay', Kerry, Liz, Marc, Margaret, Mary, Nicole, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

The Departed: for all the Recently Departed and 23rd – Frederick Morfett, Elizabeth Whuttler, 24th – Peter Bishop, William Branch, 25th – Marjorie Eagle, 26th – William Gay, Gertrude Jenkins, 28th – Thomas Gower, John Morris, 29th – Iris Branch, Joyce Parker, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	Weekday of the 3rd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	ME Peace
Tu	Annunciation of the Lord	S	9.30 a.m. Mass	Wives and Mothers
W	Weekday of the 3rd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass 10.00 a.m. Little Lambs 7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Famine relief
Th	Weekday of the 3rd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass	Care homes
F	Weekday of the 3rd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Personal integrity
Sa	Weekday of the 3rd Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Care of children
Su	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	✠	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, and Rosaries 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 23rd March 2025

The Third 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: Fr Simon *Preacher:* Hilary

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 – Jesus the new Moses

There's a wideness in God's mercy (*reflecting of the NT reading*)
Be still, my soul (*reflecting of the NT reading*)
Father hear the prayer we offer (*a penitential hymn*)
I heard the voice of Jesus say (*a penitential hymn*)

We are invited the the **Annunciation, Chislehurst** on **Tuesday 25th 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 29th March.** June is open to ideas and would welcome helpers.

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 Penance** will take place here on **Sunday 6th 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.

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.*

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 29th March 11.00 a.m.
Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt

Saturday 5th April 10.00 a.m.
Saturday Cuppa

Sunday 6th April 5.00 p.m.

The Society in Rochester Service of Penance

Holy Tuesday 15th April
12.00 p.m. Richborough Chrim Mass at *Rochester Cathedral*

Maundy Thursday 17th April
8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Last Supper

Good Friday 18th April
2.00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Cross

Holy Saturday 19th 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 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

“I Am” has sent me to you.

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, ‘I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.’ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ And he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Then Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I Am Who I Am.’ And he said, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “I Am has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.’

The word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. R8a

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his ho-ly name.*

*Bless the Lord, O 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 does deeds of justice,
gives full justice to all who are o-ppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the child-ren of Israel. R*

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

*For as the heavens
are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy
for those who fear him. R*

Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel Mt 4:17

*Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.*

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

*Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

*‘Unless you repent,
you will all likewise perish.’*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’

And he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, “Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?” And he answered him, “Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**