

**The Lamps are Sponsored  
In Memory of George C Atkinson  
+ RIP 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020  
Inspirational Music Teacher**

**Lamp Sponsorship** Dates available:  
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, The Holy Land and all places of unrest.

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, Nicole, Rupert, Sylvia, Trevor.

**The Departed:** for Christine Hammond, Christine Spreadbury and all the Recently Departed and 30<sup>th</sup> – Tommy Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Harry Jennings, Audrey Rogers, 4<sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Sutcliffe, 5<sup>th</sup> – Ernest Pegden, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

	Season	Rank	Service	Intention
M	Weekday of the 4th Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Mental health care
Tu	Weekday of the 4th Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass	Refugees
W	Weekday of the 4th Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's 10.00 a.m. Little Lambs 7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Junior Church
Th	Weekday of the 4th Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass	Those to be married
F	Weekday of the 4th Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Faithful Departed
Sa	Weekday of the 4th Week of Lent		9.30 a.m. Mass at St John's, Higham	Keeping the Faith
Su	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>✠</b>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Mass</b>	<b>The Parish</b>

<b>Parish Priest</b> Post Vacant	<b>Churchwarden</b> Garth Fisher 07359 138 267	<b>Churchwarden</b> Rita Shaw 07734 505 554
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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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*Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sunday 30th March 2025**

**The Fourth 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 & Preacher: Fr James*

**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 – The Prodigal Father**

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly (*reflecting on Mary, our Mother*)

I will sing the wondrous story (*a penitential hymn*)

Lord Jesus, think on me (*a penitential hymn*)

My song is love unknown (*reflecting on the Gospel*)

From 29<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 we will be renewing our Church Electoral Roll. **EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO BE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL MUST COMPLETE A FORM WHETHER THEY ARE ON THE CURRENT ROLL OR NOT.** Forms and an explanatory letter are in the envelope with this Bulletin. Please read the letter carefully regarding the criteria for enrolling on our Electoral Roll. Also enclosed is a Data Protection Consent Form. **ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** *Please return your forms in the envelope unsealed and without any writing on it, then we can reuse it.* The new roll will be published on 27<sup>th</sup> April and will be displayed in the Church for two weeks before the Annual Meeting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Come and join us on **Saturday** from **10.00 a.m.** for **Saturday Cuppa**, with a Tombola and the first draw of the new Monthly Draw. If you haven't joined yet its not too late, simply fill in a form and pay your subs before the Draw on Saturday morning.

Next **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April** at **5.00 p.m.** we will be hosting The Society in Rochester **Service of Penance**. It would be good to see you back with us for this special afternoon Service to prepare ourselves as the second part of Lent (aka Passiontide) begins.

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.*

Can you spare some time to help with a **collection for Christian Aid** at Morrisons on either **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May?** If you can please speak to Amanda.

**Dates for Your Diary**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Cuppa

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 5.00 p.m.

The Society in Rochester Service of Penance

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

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

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday) Year C

*Laetare Sunday marks the half-way point through the season of Lent and is celebrated 21 days before Easter Sunday. The Liturgical colour changes from Purple to Rose. It is a day of celebration within Lent and a way the Church encourages its faithful to finish the period of Lenten penance with the joy of Christ's resurrection in mind. The name Laetare comes from the opening words of the Latin Mass, "Rejoice (Laetare) Jerusalem".*

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

*The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.*

A reading from the Book of Joshua

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.'

While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land.

And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 34(33):2-3, 4-5, 6-7. R cf. 18b**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

*I will bless the Lord at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R***

*Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R***

*Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be a-bashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his dis-tress. **R***

## Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*'God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.'*

A reading from the Second Letter  
of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Acclamation before the Gospel Luke 15:18

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.*

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*I will arise and go to my father,  
and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven  
and before you'.*

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

## Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*'Your brother was dead, and is alive.'*

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: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

## Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**