

St George, Bickley

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The church is open daily, c.9am-c.5pm

Welcome to St George's. Our parish is "in interregnum", which means that we are waiting for our new parish priest to arrive. Until then, please contact the churchwardens for all queries:

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Sunday, 11 July (Dedication)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's
Church

Celebrant and Preacher: Father Philip Corbett.
Drinks and cake will be served in the hall after
Mass for consumption in the church grounds
(in church if wet).

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, pour out your grace upon this place and extend the gift of your help to all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 5. 6-10, 13. 6. 2
King Solomon, and all the community of Israel gathering with him in front of the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, countless, innumerable. The priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the Debir of the Temple, that is, in the Holy of Holies, under the cherubs' wings. For there

where the ark was placed the cherubs spread out their wings and sheltered the ark and its shafts. These were long enough for their ends to be seen from the Holy Place in front of the Debir, but not from outside. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the Lord had made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of Egypt. Now when the priests came out of the sanctuary, a cloud filled the sanctuary, the Temple of the Lord. All those who played the trumpet, or who sang, united in giving praise and glory to the Lord. Lifting their voices to the sound of the trumpet and cymbal and instruments of music, they gave praise to the Lord, 'for he is good, for his love is everlasting'. Because of the cloud the priests could no longer perform their duties; the glory of the Lord filled the Temple of God. Then Solomon said, 'The Lord has chosen to dwell in the thick cloud. Yes, I have built you a dwelling, a place for you to live for ever.'

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3. 9-23, 16-17

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are the temple.

Gospel Acclamation:

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel: John 4. 19-24

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, 'I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said, 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour

will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.’

Hymns:

Entrance: NEH 205 (Christ is made the sure foundation)

Offertory: NEH 485 (Thy hand, O God, has guided)

Communion: NEH 413 (Now thank we all our God)

Wednesday 14 July

9.30am Mass (St Camillus de Lellis)

Readings: Exodus 3. 1-6, 9-12

Matthew 11. 25-27

The response to the psalm is:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Friday, 16 July

9.30am Mass (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Readings: Exodus 11. 10-12. 14

Matthew 12. 1-8

The response to the psalm is:

**The cup of salvation I will raise,
I will call on the Lord's name.**

Saturday 17 July

Readings: Exodus 12. 37-42

Matthew 12. 14-21

The response to the psalm is:

Great is his love, love without end.

Masses at The Annunciation, Chislehurst:

Monday 12 July – 8am

Tuesday 13 July – 6.30pm (St Henry)

Thursday 15 July – 7.30pm (St Bonaventure)

Sunday 18 July - 8am

Confession

Fathers David and Owen will hear confessions by appointment.

Holy Communion at home. If you know of anyone who would like Holy Communion at home, please contact Father David.

Notices

FETE – The Fete was due to take place yesterday but had to be cancelled due to

continuing government Covid restrictions. This would have been our main fundraising event of the year raising around £3,500 to £4,000. The pandemic has reduced our income considerably and the cancellation of the fete will increase our losses even more. Could you therefore make a one-off donation to the church, in lieu of money you may have spent at the Fete. You can donate in cash, by cheque (payable to “Bickley PCC”) or through contactless giving at a service on Sunday mornings, or on-line through the Paypal Giving Fund for which there is a link on the Support Us page of the St George’s website. It is also possible to make an on-line donation to the church bank account (please see Graham Callow or David Hood for account details). All donations can be Gift Aided (where you are eligible) giving us an additional 25%. Anything you are able to give will be greatly appreciated.

Lamps - If you would like to sponsor a lamp in memory of a loved one to burn before the Image of Our Lady, the Sacred Heart or beside the Tabernacle on a date of your choice, please speak to one of the churchwardens. The suggested donation is £5.

The **Food Bank** requires jellies & instant whips, biscuits, coffee, squash, tinned tomatoes, men's & ladies' deodorant, washing up liquid, anti-septic wipes, cleaning sprays and Bags for Life. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box at the foot of the font.

Diary

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 20 July at 7.30pm.

For your prayers

In need: Patricia Astley, John Bamford, Neil Boorman, June Callow, Linda Courquin, Alan Cowell, Beatrice Dadson, Jan Good, Tanya Grantley, Elaine Greasley, David Harrison, Christine Jarvis, Catherine Jones, Nadine Majid, Sharon Murphy, Jennifer Nasr, Liza Nasr, Molly Neaves, Manuel Ovante, Theresa O'Rourke, June Ray, Val Rutter, Jake Spencer, Michael Turner, Ann-Louise Whittaker. Daniel, Jessica and their new baby son.

Recently departed: Philippa Green.