

## 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, 12 September (Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday)**

10.30am Sung Mass

Children's Church meets in the hall at

10.20am

*Collect*

**Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your  
mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our  
heart. 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.**

*First Reading: Isaiah 50. 5-9*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

*Second Reading: James 2. 14-18*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Alleluia!**

*Gospel: Mark 8. 27-35*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**Hymns:**

*Entrance: NEH 271 (Alleluya, sing to Jesus)*

*Offertory: NEH 476 (Ye servants of God)  
Communion: NEH 304 (Once, only once and once  
for all)  
NEH 235 (Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go)*

**Wednesday 15 September (Our Lady of Sorrows)**

**9.30am Mass**

*Readings: Hebrews 5. 7-9*

*John 19. 25-27*

*The response to the psalm is:*

**Save me, O Lord, in your love.**

**Friday 17 September (St Robert Ballarmine)**

**9.30am Mass**

*Readings: I Timothy 6. 2-12*

*Luke 8. 1-3*

*The response to the psalm is:*

**How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Saturday 18 September (St Edith of Kemsing)**

**9.30am Mass**

*Readings: 1 Timothy 6. 13-16*

*Luke 8. 4-15*

*The response to the psalm is:*

**Come before the Lord, singing for joy.**

***Masses at The Annunciation, Chislehurst:***

Monday 13 September – 8am (St John  
Chrysostom)

Tuesday 14 September – 6.30pm (The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross)

Thursday 16 September – 7.30pm (SS Cornelius  
And Cyprian)

Sunday 19 September - 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***

**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 cooking sauce, UHT  
milk, 500g bags of rice, sugar free sweets, adult  
and child toothbrushes and toothpaste, male  
and female deodorant, conditioner and Bags for  
Life. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box  
at the foot of the font.

**100 Club** - this will restart In October and run  
for 12 months. Entry costs £10 per month per  
entry. Please see Beverley Braybrook to sign up.

***Diary***

PCC Meeting - **Tuesday 21 September.**

Stephen Davies will be giving another of his  
lecture recitals on the organ of St George's  
Church, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at  
7.30pm.

This will be the first of two recitals on the  
theme of J.S.Bach's Clavierübung Part III (the  
so-called Organ Mass) – a collection of some of  
Bach's most deeply felt compositions.

Entry will be free, but a retiring collection will  
be taken in aid of the work of UNICEF  
(worldwide children's charity).

**Harvest Festival - Sunday 26 September.** A hot  
lunch will be served at 12.30, following our  
Harvest Festival Mass. Tickets (£10 for adults,  
£5 for children 5 years and over) are available  
after Mass on Sundays or contact Margaret  
Brading Tel. 07793 402459.

**Instead of gifts of food and provisions this year  
please give a cash donation. This will be given  
to the Bromley Food Bank to purchase items  
they need.**

***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,  
Frances Hollingsworth, Christine Jarvis,  
Catherine Jones, Nadine Majid, Sharon Murphy,  
Jennifer Nasr, Liza Nasr, Molly Neaves, Elsie  
Neill, Manuel Ovante, Theresa O'Rourke, June  
Ray, Ann Sangar, Jake Spencer, Michael Turner,  
Ann-Louise Whittaker. Daniel, Jessica and their  
baby Finlay George.

**Recently departed:** Valeria Rutter.