

St Augustine, Belvedere - Patronal Festival, Friday 27 May at 7.30pm. Buffet to follow. This is Father Clive's last Mass at St Augustine before his move to St John, Higham where he will be welcomed on **29 June at 7.30pm.** We are invited to both services.

Spring Fair at the Annunciation, Chislehurst on Saturday 28 May, 11.00am to 3.00pm. Please support this event.

The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 29 May** after the 10.30am Mass starting around **12 noon.** **Anyone wishing to stand for election to the PCC should complete the Nomination Form (including a proposer and seconder) at the back of church as soon as possible and give it to Graham Callow.**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - there will be a joint **Evensong** with the **choirs of St George's and St Giles, Farnborough at 6.30pm on Sunday 5 June at St Giles,** to include music performed at the Coronation including Handel's 'Zadok the Priest'.

Fete - Saturday 18 June. Donations are now invited for the fete and should be placed in the marked box at the back of the church. We particularly need 200 bottles for the tombola and raffle prizes/new gift items.

Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 19 June, 3.00pm. Followed by tea and the Rochester Forward in Faith AGM.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - the parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place from **24 to 26 June.**

Dedication - this will be held on **Sunday 17 July.** Pimms on the lawn and a bring & share buffet lunch will follow Mass.

Institution & Induction of Father Henry Everett - Monday 25 July at 7.00pm. Buffet to follow.

For your prayers

In need: John Bamford, Neil Boorman, Sue Boorman & Daniel, Jenny Burgess, June Callow, Linda Courquin, Alan Cowell, Beatrice Dadson, Gordon Good, Elaine Greasley, David Harrison, Frances Hollingsworth, Catherine Jones, Marie Kerrigan, Nadeen Majid, Elsie Neill, Tom, Megan & Ellie Oakeshott, Theresa O'Rourke, Michael Turner, Joan Turpin, Elaine Warner & Family, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Peter Whitwell, Tara.
Recently departed: June Humphries, Ann Sangan

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, 15 May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

10.30am Sung Mass

Children's Church meets in the hall at
10.20am

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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: Acts 14. 21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Second Reading: Revelation 21. 1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13. 31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Hymns:

Entrance: NEH 104 (At the Lamb's high feast we sing)

Offertory: NEH 105 (Christ the Lord Is risen again)

Communion: NEH 309 (Victim Divine, the grace we claim)

NEH 107 (Good Christian men)

Wednesday 18 May (St John I, Pope)

9.30am Low Mass

Readings: Acts 15. 1-6

John 15. 1-8

The response to the psalm is:

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

Let us go to God's house.

Friday 20 May (St Bernardine of Siena)

9.30am Mass

Readings: Acts 15. 22-31

John 15. 12-17

The response to the psalm is:

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples.

Saturday 21 May (St Christopher Magallanes & Companions)

9.30am Mass & Rosary

Readings: Acts 16. 1-10

John 15. 18-21

The response to the psalm is:

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Confession

Father David and Father 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

Ann Sangan - sadly Ann died on Tuesday. Along with Graham and her two sons, she was a regular member of our congregation for many years before moving to Norfolk.

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

The **Food Bank** requires urgently: tins of cold meat, cooking sauces, squash, coffee, men's deodorant and surface spray cleaner. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box at the foot of the font.

Diary

Forward in Faith, Rochester **visit to Tudeley Church** to see the magnificent stained glass windows on **Saturday 21 May at 11.00am** (see poster in church for details).

Ascension Day - Thursday 26 May. Sung Mass at **8.00pm**. The Annunciation, Chislehurst will join us for this service.