

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

Chalk - Blessed chalk is available for collection in church after Mass on Sunday. It is customary to use this chalk around the time of Epiphany to write the following on or near your front door: **20+C+M+B+22**. The letters stand for the Latin blessing, "**Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this House)**," as well as the legendary names for the three Magi: **Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar**.

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: tins of cold meat, fish, peas & carrots, rice 500gm, long life fruit juice, toilet rolls, shaving foam/gel, deodorants. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box at the foot of the font.

New Servers Cottas - these were recently purchased, from a donation by a member of the church, for servers to wear on festal occasions. Father David blessed them before they were first used.

Diary

Quiz Night - regrettably, due to the current situation with Covid, the Quiz Night arranged for 29 January has been postponed to a later date. It will be advertised again once a new date has been arranged.

Rochester Cathedral - Mass with Bishop Norman on **Saturday 24 September** at 11.15am.

For your prayers

In need: John Bamford, Neil Boorman, Christine Brown, June Callow, Linda Courquin, Alan Cowell, Beatrice Dadson, Gordon Good, Elaine Greasley, David Harrison, Frances Hollingsworth, Catherine Jones, Marie Kerrigan, Elsie Neill, Theresa O'Rourke, Ann Sangan, Michael Turner, Joan Turpin, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Peter Whitwell, Tara.

Recently departed: Dorothy Clinning, Martha Hodgetts, Sharon Murphy, Philip Selby.

St George, Bickley

www.stgeorgebickley.co.uk

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, 16 January (Second Ordinary Sunday)

10.30am Sung Mass

Children's Church meets in the hall at
10.20am

Collect

**Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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 62. 1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth

of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2. 1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the

best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Hymns:

Entrance: NEH 56 (Songs of thankfulness and praise)

Offertory: NEH 49 (Brightest and best)

Communion: NEH 278 (Christ be with me)

NEH 55 (Hail to the Lord's anointed)

Wednesday 19 January (St Wulfstan)

9.30am Mass

Readings: 1 Samuel 17. 32-33, 37, 40-51

Mark 3. 1-6

The response to the psalm is:

Blessed be the Lord, my rock.

Friday 21 January (St Agnes)

9.30am Mass

Readings: 1 Samuel 24. 3-21

Mark 3. 13-19

The response to the psalm is:

Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.

Saturday 22 January (St Vincent)

Readings: 2 Samuel 1. 1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27

Mark 3. 20-21

The response to the psalm is:

Let your face shine on us, O Lord, and we shall be saved.

Masses at The Annunciation, Chislehurst:

Monday 17 January – 8.00am (St Anthony)

Tuesday 18 January – 6.30pm

Thursday 20 January – 7.30pm (St Fabian)

Sunday 23 January - 8am