

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, 18 July (Sixteenth Ordinary
Sunday)**

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's
Church

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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: Jeremiah 23. 1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them,

and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Second Reading: Ephesians 2. 11-22

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.

Gospel: Mark 6. 30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Organ - the organ will be out of action from today for renovation works for approximately four weeks.

Hymns:

Entrance: NEH 359 (Fight the good fight)

Offertory: NEH 388 (Jesus shall reign where'er the sun)

Communion: NEH 427 (O praise ye the Lord)

Wednesday 21 July

9.30am Mass (St Lawrence of Brindisi)

Readings: Exodus 16. 1-5, 9-15

Matthew 13. 1-9

The response to the psalm is:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Friday, 23 July

9.30am Mass (St Bridget)

Readings: Galatians 2. 19-20

John 15. 1-8

The response to the psalm is:

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Saturday 24 July (St Sharbel Makhluf)

Readings: Exodus 24. 3-8

Matthew 13. 24-30

The response to the psalm is:

Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

Masses at The Annunciation, Chislehurst:

Monday 19 July – 8am

Tuesday 20 July – 6.30pm (St Apollinaris)

Thursday 22 July – 7.30pm (St Mary

Magdalene)

Sunday 25 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 on 10 July 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, squash, sponge puddings, rice, men's & ladies' deodorant, nappies size 6, biological washing detergent 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.

Richborough Family Day - Saturday 7 August at St Albans Cathedral with Bishop Norman. Mass at 12 noon followed by picnic in the bishop's garden (bring your own food). Please let Len Brown know if you are interested in going.

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, Val Rutter, Jake Spencer, Michael Turner, Ann-Louise Whittaker. Daniel, Jessica and their new baby Finlay George.