

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

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

Mass of Installation of Father Clive Jones at St John, Higham on Wednesday 29 June at 7.30pm. Buffet to follow. All welcome to attend.

St George's School Summer Fair, Saturday 2 July - 11am to 2pm. Please use Pembroke Road entrance.

Sine Nomine Concert - Saturday 2 July, 7.30pm at St George's. Music for Coronation and Jubilation. Tickets at the door £15.

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

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

Richborough Family Festival at St Albans Cathedral - Saturday 13 August. Mass at 12 noon followed by drinks in Bishop Norman's garden. Please bring your own picnic.

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, , Vasant & Vasanti Paranjape, Michael Turner, Joan Turpin, Elaine Warner & Family, Lyn Wheeler, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Peter Whitwell, Daniel, Roger and Tara.

Recently departed: Obinna Obiefuleh

Please pray for **Edward Green** who will be Ordained Deacon on 3 July at Ely Cathedral and will then be Curate at St Bene't's, Cambridge. Also for his wife Katie.

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, 26th June (Thirteenth Ordinary Sunday)

10.30am Sung Mass

Children's Church meets in the hall at
10.20am

Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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: 1 Kings 19. 16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he

said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Second Reading: Galations 5. 1, 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9. 51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make reparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Hymns:

Entrance: NEH 334 (All people that on earth do dwell)

Offertory: NEH 206 (Christ Is our cornerstone)

Communion: NEH 274 (Author of life divine)

NEH 484 (The Church's one foundation)

Wednesday 29 June (SS Peter & Paul)

9.30am Mass

Readings: Acts 12. 1-11

Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18

Matthew 6. 13-19

The response to the psalm is:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Friday 1 July (St Oliver Plunket)

9.30am Mass

Readings: Amos 8. 4-6, 9-12

Matthew 9. 9-13

The response to the psalm is:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Saturday 2 July

9.30am Mass

Readings: Amos 9. 11-15

Matthew 9. 14-17

The response to the psalm is:

The Lord speaks peace to his people.

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 or Father Owen.

Notices

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.