

## 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, 5 September (Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday)**

10.30am Sung Mass

Children's Church meets in the hall at

10.20am

*Collect*

**O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 35. 4-7*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

*Second Reading: James 2. 1-5*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

*Gospel: Mark 7. 31-37*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

***Hymns: (Congregational singing now permitted)***

*Entrance: NEH 265 (Lord of beauty, thine the splendour)*

*Offertory: NEH 346 (City of God, how broad and far)*

*Communion: NEH 302 (O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray)*

*NEH 362 (Glorious things of thee are spoken)*

**Wednesday 8 September (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

**9.30am Mass**

*Readings: Micah 5. 1-4*

*Luke Matthew 1. 18-23*

*The response to the psalm is:*

**I exult for joy in the Lord.**

**Friday 10 September**

**11.00am Sung Mass of Requiem for Valeria Rutter**

**Saturday 11 September (Monthly Requiem)**

**9.30am Mass**

*Readings: 1 Timothy 1. 15-17*

*Luke 6. 43-49*

*The response to the psalm is:*

**May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore.**

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

Monday 6 September – 8am

Tuesday 7 September – 6.30pm

Thursday 9 September – 7.30pm (St Peter Claver)

Sunday 12 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, adult toothbrushes, child toothbrushes and toothpaste, conditioner and Bags for Life. Donations can be left (bagged) in the box at the foot of the font.

***Diary***

St Mary's, Swanley Patronal Festival on **Wednesday 8 September** at 7.30pm.

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

**Recently departed:** Kath Curtiss, Valeria Rutter.