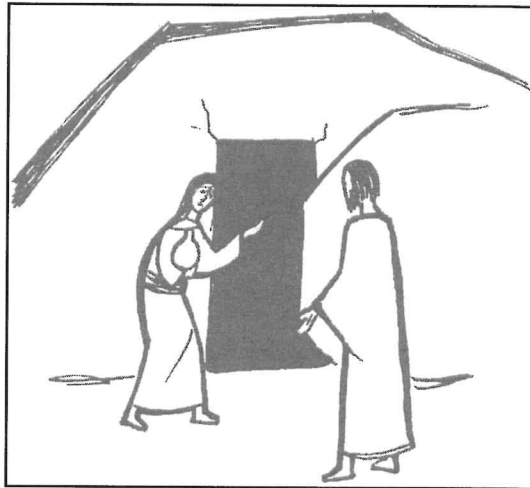


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7th	Edgebury, Edward Road, Empress Drive, Farmland Walk
8th	Furzeffeld Close, Foxhome Close, Garrard Close
9th	Green Lane, Greenway, Gossington Close
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11th	Heathfield Lane, Heathley End, High Street
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13th	Hillview Road, Holmdale Road
14th	Ingleby Way, Invicta Close, Stanley Glynn Court
15th	Kemnal Road, Kingsley Mews, Laneside
16th	Liskeard Close, Mainridge Road, Marsham Close
17th	Mead Road, Meadow Close, Milton Place, Nursery Gardens
18th	Oakdene Avenue, Park Road, Park Mews
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20th	Red Hill, Prince Imperial Road, Roehampton Drive
21st	Selby Close, Steward Close, The Meadow
22nd	Townshend Road, Victoria Road, Walden Avenue
23rd	Walden Road, Walkden Road, White Horse Hill
24th	Wilderness Road, Willow Grove, Willow Vale
25th	Windsor Close, Wirral Wood Close
26th	Woodside Avenue, Westhurst Drive
27th	56 High Street, Whiteoak Court NH, Willett House
28th	The homeless
29th	The lapsed and lukewarm
30th	Our Volunteers for Hospitality and Church Work
31st	All those on the Electoral Roll

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- 1 - M **Monday in the Easter Octave**
Intention Thanksgiving for the Resurrection 10.00 am Low Mass
 Readings Acts 2:14,22-23 Matthew 28:8-15
- 2 - Tu **Tuesday in the Easter Octave** *Intention The Mirfield Community*
 Readings Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18 6.30 pm Low Mass
- 3 - W **Wednesday in the Easter Octave** *Intention The Sick*
 Readings Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:35-48 10.00 am Low Mass
- 4 - Th **Thursday in the Easter Octave** *Intention World Peace*
 Readings Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-49 7.30 pm Low Mass
- 5 - F **Friday in the Easter Octave** *Intention The Society of the Holy Cross*
 Readings Acts 41-12 John 21:1-14 10.00 am Low Mass
- 6 - S **Saturday in the Easter Octave** *Intention Our Church Officers*
 Readings Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15 9.00 am Low Mass
- 7 * S **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** *Intention Our Parish & People*
 Readings Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
 8.00 am Low Mass of the Sunday 10.00 am Sung Mass of the Sunday
5.00 pm Sung Mass SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION
 Readings Isaiah 7:10-14 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-28
- 8 - M **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** *Intention The Parish*
 Readings as yesterday evening
- 9 - Tu Easter Feria Readings Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
Intention Benedictine Communities
- 10 - W Easter Feria Readings Acts 5:17-26 Jon 3:16-21
Intention The Departed (Anniversaries for April)
- 11 - Th **St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr** *Intention The Church in Poland*
 Readings Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
- 12 - F Easter Feria Readings Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
Intention The poor and hungry of the world
- 13 - S **St Martin I, Pope & Martyr** Readings Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21
Intention The peoples of the Holy Land
- 14 * S **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** *Intention Our Parish & People*
 Readings Acts 3:12-19 I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-48
- 15 - M Easter Feria Readings Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29
Intention All schools in the Parish

16 - Tu	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 7:51-8:1 John 6:30-35 <i>Intention The Additional Curates Society</i>
17 - W	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 8:1-8 John 6:35-40 <i>Intention Peace in Ukraine</i>
18 - Th	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51 <i>Intention The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
19 - F	St Alphege , Bishop & Martyr	<i>Intention The Diocese of Southwark</i> Readings Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59
20 - S	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69 <i>Intention Vocations to the priesthood and religious life</i>
21 * S	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Intention Our Parish & People</i> Readings Acts 4:5-12 I John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
22 - M	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10 <i>Intention Universities & Colleges</i>
23 - Tu	ST GEORGE , Martyr	<i>Intention England</i> Readings Apocalypse 12:10-12 I John 5:1-5 John 15:18-21
24 - W	St Adalbert , Bishop & Martyr	<i>Intention The Bishop of Beverley</i> Readings Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50
25 - Th	ST MARK , Evangelist	<i>Intention Devotion to Holy Scripture</i> Readings I Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20
26 - F	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 <i>Intention Peace in the Holy Land</i>
27 - S	Easter Feria	Readings Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14 <i>Intention Farmers and agricultural workers</i>
28 * S	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Intention Our Parish & People</i> Readings Acts 8:26-40 I John 4:-21 John 15:1-8 6.00 pm Solemn Mass at St George's for St George
29 - M	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA , Virgin & Doctor of the Church	Readings I John 1:5-22 Matthew 11:25-30 <i>Intention Europe</i>
30 - Tu	St Pius V , Pope	Readings Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31 <i>Intention Survivors of sexual abuse</i>

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,



As I write this Spring finally seems to have come. The sun is out, the temperature is in double digits, flowers are blooming, and the days are clearly getting longer ; in short, everything is springing back to life. And it is no accident that our word for the pre-Easter season, Lent, comes from the old Anglo-Saxon word for this time of year, *lencten*, from the lengthening days, unlike the word in most Romance languages which is derived from the Latin word for forty days, *quadragesima* – hence *quaresima* in Italian and *carême* in French.

New life is, of course, the heart of the Easter mystery, that when all seem lost and dead, God's almighty power raised Jesus from the grave, opening to all who trust in him the way to a newer, fuller, richer life which endures beyond this mortal existence into eternity in God's presence. As the carol has it,

*In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again,*

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,

Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;

Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

This year, however, the Easter season provides us with a second celebration of new life. Most years our Feast of Title, the Annunciation, falls in Lent. But because of the early date of Easter, 25th March this year falls in Holy Week, and so the Feast is moved until after the Easter Octave. Strictly speaking that means Monday 8th April, but we will cheat and hold our celebration the day before, with a Sung Mass at 5.00 pm on Low Sunday, 7th April, our normal Sunday services having taken place in the morning.

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I am particularly pleased that our preacher this year will be Father Philip Barnes, Vicar of Saint Stephen's, Gloucester Road, in Kensington, whom some of you will know from his time as Shrine Priest and subsequently acting administrator at Walsingham. As always an invitation has been extended to neighbouring parishes and there will be appropriate festive refreshments to follow (let the reader understand !), so please do join us.

Because the new life that is fully revealed in the resurrection begins when our Lady gives her 'Yes' to Gabriel, so that Christ can take human flesh in Mary's womb, a virginal conception as a sign that this truly is God remaking humanity from within, as it were ; a new start for the human race which had fallen away from God's original design for it in creation. And the same Christ who spends nine months in the womb before birth is the One who spends three days in the darkness of the tomb before rising to new life.

And this new life can be ours, as the carol goes on to remind us :

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

May you always know that new life in your life.

Father Paul

** Now the green blade riseth, New English Hymnal 115
John Macleod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958*

"Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns."

(St Clement of Alexandria)

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song."

(St Augustine of Hippo)

Saint George, Bickley
**SERVICE OF PENANCE
AND RECONCILIATION**



PALM SUNDAY
24 March at 5.00pm
Preacher Father Henry Everett
Vicar of Saint George's

ANOTHER *SHOUT-OUT* FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

Cast your mind back to the March magazine, and you may remember a fascinating article by Fr David on how our present-day Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services still mirror the Jerusalem Church of the sixth century.

As then, so now, all our Easter services are packed full of Scripture and symbolism and are vitally important for our understanding of the Christian faith. This is especially true of the First Mass of the Resurrection, or the Easter Vigil. As Fr David says, it shouldn't be missed.

I must confess that I am an Easter Vigil junkie and wouldn't miss it for the world. I love the lighting of the Easter Fire and the growing brightness as our candles are lit from that Fire and taken into the church. Every year that passes I am moved again as I realise how well Easter fulfils Old Testament prophecy. The symbolic blessing of the Easter (Paschal) Candle leads to the singing of Gloria and Alleluia and then the blessing of the baptismal water and renewal of promises which leads us into the First Mass of Easter. People say the Easter Vigil is long. Is one-and-a-half hours long? I think it is time well spent.



The Easter Vigil takes place in the dark. It celebrates the time the Resurrection actually took place, for St Matthew tells us that Jesus rose just before dawn. It could hardly be more different from the hymns, flowers and Easter eggs of Resurrection Day.

But I am convinced that the brightness of Easter isn't complete without the darkness of the Easter Vigil. This wonderful atmospheric service reminds us how God takes darkness and transforms it into light, takes despair and transforms it into hope.

So if your plans for the Easter weekend aren't already written in stone – or even if they are – make a date on Holy Saturday at 8 pm ! Who was it who said the Easter Vigil was too dark ? If lots of people come and all hold lighted candles, it isn't dark at all !

I look forward to seeing you there !

Jenny Smith

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION



It may seem strange in some ways to sing to a candle. But this is exactly what happens with the proclamation of the *Exsultet* in the Liturgy of Holy Saturday.

If there is a deacon he has the privilege of singing this great hymn of praise, but in the absence of a deacon a priest may use his continuing diaconate to fulfil this liturgical function.

The hymn starts by calling the Church to rejoice because the risen Saviour shines upon us. It recalls how we are ransomed by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has paid for us *the price of Adam's sin*. He is the true Lamb of God, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers, just as the angel of death passed over the houses of the Israelites in the escape of Egyptian captivity.

Strangely, the hymn speaks of Adam's sin as a happy fault, because it gained for us such a great redeemer. In the darkness of the crucifixion night the new light shines to show us that we are truly reconciled to God. The light is a divided flame that is a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God, mingling with the lights of heaven.

Christ is the Morning Star who came back from the dead to shed his peaceful light on all mankind. This is the eternal light which never sets symbolised by the Paschal Candle which will continue to flame and mingle with the light of the new dawn which is the Risen Lord.

Later in the Vigil liturgy the Paschal Candle will be plunged into the water of the Font, symbolising the link between Baptism and the Resurrection. Christ is our Light, bringing us into the eternal life of his resurrection.

Throughout the Easter season, the Candle will burn when the Mass is celebrated at the nave Altar. It will be moved to the Font after Pentecost, where it will be lit for baptisms. Often it is also moved to be close to a coffin for a funeral. We pray that the departed will share the new light in the kingdom of heaven,

DASH

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting

held on 22nd February 2024

Present : Father Paul and eight members of the PCC.

Minutes : The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2023 were approved and signed.

Finance & Accounts : Anne Harrison summarised the main points of interest, as follows. We have received the outstanding rent from the Chislehurst Medical Partnership, and the increased monthly rent has been agreed.

We have made donations of £250 to the Petts Wood Playgroup & the Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association, & £1,126 to CRISIS at Christmas.

The building work has been paid for and we are in the recovering the VAT paid.

The accounts for presentation at the APCM are being prepared.

Father Paul thanked John Symes for his work in securing the rent increase from the CMP. Andrew Allen also praised his work, and thanked Anne for the clear presentation of the accounts.

Building matters : Most of the work has been completed, with the West wall still to be dealt with. The neon lights in the passage, David Say room etc will shortly be replaced with LED bulbs. Repairs to the tower will be dealt with later.

Cleaning of the *Pietà* was considered before COVID and will be looked at again in due course. The restoration of the south doors is still under consideration.

Rent review - Holmdale Road : Following the initial rent review the tenants have to state why they are contesting the increase, which will be sent to us as landlords for comment. The next review will be in April.

Forthcoming events : Lent and Easter activities will follow the usual pattern. As the Feast of The Annunciation falls during Holy Week it will be celebrated on Sunday 7th April with a Sung Mass at 5 pm. Planning for the Spring Fair (Saturday 18th May) should start shortly.

Lent & Easter giving : In view of the many and great needs everywhere, the Standing Committee proposed that the Red Cross be our charity this year.

Chalice administration : It was agreed that those on the list of Chalice Administrants who are still with us and willing and able to continue should be authorised by the PCC. New recruits will be encouraged to join the list. The Chalice will be fully restored on Easter Sunday.

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Flagpole : It has been suggested that, as the tower flagpole cannot be used, a free-standing one be erected in the churchyard. This would require both a Faculty and planning permission from the council. It was generally felt that there was too much risk of vandalism and the idea should not be pursued.

COVID precautions : Nothing to report and no action required.

Safeguarding & DBS : Father Paul will shortly be updating his leadership course.

Other business : Council car park - John Symes is pursuing various questions with the Diocese. The process of arranging closure of the churchyard is proceeding.

A list of people whose ashes are buried in the memorial garden will be put in a frame for display in church.

It was noted that the memorial garden could do with some tidying.

A tree survey is due and will be arranged.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 18th April 2024.

MJW

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Most of us regard each anniversary of our birth as an occasion to take stock of our lives and to give thanks to God for giving us life and all that it means for us. We have a parish birthday list, and those who are on it are prayed for by name on their birthday at Mass. Even if your work or other commitments do not make it possible to attend Mass on that day in person, it is still valuable to know that our special day is being marked before God.



If you would like to be added to the list, please send Fr David an email or text, or give him a note in person. You may offer other family members. We need to know the name and the date of birth. We do not need to know the year !

Whilst on this subject you may like to know that we keep a list of contacts for some of our regular worshippers. This information can be most useful if someone is taken ill in church or has not been seen for a while. Obviously we need to know this in any emergency. Please let Michael Waton, PCC Secretary, have this information in writing.

CULINARY CORNER

COD IN EGG SAUCE

4 Cod fillets
3 Hard boiled eggs, finely chopped
700ml Milk
60gm Butter
60gm Flour
1tbs Melted butter
Pinch Nutmeg
Salt & Pepper



Pre-heat oven to 375°F. Lay the cod fillets in a buttered ovenproof dish. Melt the butter in pan at a low heat and stir in the flour. Gradually add in the milk, continuously whisking to produce a smooth and creamy mixture. Cook gently for 2 or 3 minutes before mixing in the eggs, tablespoon of melted butter and the nutmeg. Season with salt and pepper to taste, stirring well over a low heat. Pour the mixture over the cod fillets and bake for 20 minutes. Serve with mashed potato and vegetables of choice.

Serves 4

GREEK ORTHODOX PASCHA

AN EASTER TREAT

3 eggs
200 ml crème fraiche
200 ml cottage cheese
100gms unsalted butter
80gms caster sugar
1tbsp runny honey
2tsp vanilla essence
Zest of 1 lemon
500gms dried fruit
(sultanas, currants or mixed)

It is best served with panettone or a similar sweet bread.

Prepare a bain-marie or an alternative suitable saucepan. Beat the eggs lightly in a mixing bowl and then add the melted butter, crème, cheese and sugar, mix well and put the mixture in the saucepan. Heat over a gentle heat until the mixture begins to thicken. Remove from heat and add the honey, vanilla essence, lemon zest and dried fruit. Mix well and transfer to a greased pudding basin. Rest in the refrigerator for about 24 hours. Turn out on a serving plate and decorate with almonds if wished.

Enjoy and then go for a walk to burn off the calories !

SCAM WATCH

It seems that scammers have a never-ending imagination to dream up new ways of trying to access your money. I have had a couple of e-mails, “Hi, I wanted to call you but I have lost my voice, please go to www..... so we can a live chat over the internet.”. Do not do this ! Just delete the e-mail. If you receive a call and the caller opens with “Can you hear me?”, just terminate the call. They want you to say “Yes” so that having recorded this they can patch it into a series of questions so that it is your voice which is saying “Yes”. There is a well established scam known as the “Hi Mum “ scam. Mum or dad get a text which seems to come from an offspring, “Hi, I lost my phone, this is my new number” followed by “I have also had to change bank accounts can you please help me out and send me £200.0 to my new account XX XX XX 123456 ? Any messages like this do nothing other than calling your offspring on the number you have always used, not “the new number”. A number of of times I have received e-mails seemingly from Father Paul asking me to buy vouchers on his behalf and forward these to him. Two points, I know Father Paul is never going to do this and I am familiar with the phraseology he uses and these e-mails don’t use that that phraseology! Can you imagine Father Paul addressing me as “Hi Mate”?! Remember there are many fake e-mails. If you hover the cursor on the sending address you can usually see the true source of the e-mail. None of the parcels companies will require you to pay for a missed delivery. The only time Royal Mail require any sort of payment for a delivery is if inadequate postage has been paid on the item and you pay that when you collect the item. Assume every telephone call, text or e-mail is a scam until you are sure it is not ! If what is offered is too good to be true, that is exactly what it is. **John Symes**



CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Property always needs maintenance! You may have noticed that once again the fence on the eastern boundary has again been damaged. Quite why some drivers seem unable to realise they have reached a dead end is difficult to understand. Within the last 4 years the fence has been damaged by vehicle impact on four occasions. On this last occasion all three 3” x 2” timber rails were snapped so it was more than a gentle nudge ! Such incidents cost money, in this case the cost would have been about £130.00 but fortunately a member of the congregation supplied the labour. Have you got skills to offer your church ?

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTS

Recently Ruth Rudder and I attended a very informative function organised by the Almshouses Association. We discovered a number of interesting facts. There are about 168,000 charities registered with the Charities Commission, 1% of these are almshouse charities. There are 1,625 members of the Almshouses Association. A high percentage, (about 40%) of these have listed buildings. These are always more expensive to maintain and generally have planning restrictions. Research suggests that Almshouse residents live around 2.5 years longer than do those living in other types of accommodation. It is thought that the reason is probably the positive effect of there being a community spirit. Some almshouses have specific social functions and some have community spaces. Even if there are no community facilities, residents tend to “look out” for each other and organise impromptu social functions such as coffee mornings, afternoon teas, etc. Humans are social creatures and loneliness is a big challenge for many who live alone.

Almshouses are not new, the earliest was set up in 990 AD ! They vary in size, the smallest has two properties, the largest, about 160 properties. Many Almshouse Trusts have challenges recruiting trustees, but some have an excess of trustees. We know that we have work to do in the Manning and Anderdon Trust, but it is comforting to know that so do virtually all other similar trusts !

Work on re-furbishing the St Mary Hall continues. Not only is the main roof now in good shape but the roof over the entrance hall has also been replaced. Plenty of other work is scheduled to take place over the Easter break ready for *Blossom Years* to resume operations which will then run 7.30 am – 6.00 pm every weekday.

Both the Almshouse Trust and the Hall would benefit from having more trustees. Can you spare a few hours to help one or other of these trusts ?

John Symes

WHAT HAPPENED IN APRIL 1924

Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in Landsberg Prison in Germany for his participation in the 1923 Beer Hall Putsch but served less than 9 months

In the Italian election the fascists win with a two-thirds majority.

Belgium's now long-defunct SABENA Airline starts commercial passenger operations.

The British Empire Exhibition opened in London with 58 countries of the Empire showcased.

A mine explosion in West Virginia, USA killed 119 men.

Annunciation, Chislehurst

FEAST OF TITLE

Annunciation of the Lord

Sunday 7 April



SUNG MASS 5.00PM

*Preacher Father Philip Barnes SSC,
Former Shrine Priest at Walsingham
Refreshments to follow*

ST MARK'S GOSPEL

The lectionary for this year takes us to St Mark's Gospel which provides for our Sunday gospel readings (when we are not using St John). Moreover in April we celebrate the Feast of St Mark, Evangelist.



St Mark, also John Mark, has been identified as a cousin of St Barnabas, and it has also been suggested that he might have been the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:51), and it is only Mark that records this event. The Gospel of Mark was certainly the first to be written and dates to the 1st century AD. Although Mark is mentioned in Acts as a companion of St Paul for some time, he seems to draw much of his material from the preaching of St Peter, and the Gospel reveals an emphasis on the role of Peter. Much of what St Mark writes may have been drawn from the oral tradition about Jesus, and there is literary evidence that both Matthew and Luke drew on what Mark has written.

His Gospel begins with the teaching of John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and originally ended with the burial of Jesus. The later part of chapter 16, detailing the various resurrection appearances is quite clearly an addition by another hand, who no doubt wished to round off the story, which Mark left with the fear of some of the disciples.

Mark's emphasis is on Jesus as the Messiah, and the coming of the kingdom of God and he presents his material as a continuous narrative, which may not be historically accurate as his theological purpose would be to provide a vehicle for the teachings of Jesus and how his actions supported that teaching. He frequently shows how all that Jesus did and taught was a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy and expectation. For St Mark Jesus' whole ministry was a battle against the power of the devil who caused the alienation of humanity from the Garden of Eden, and is finally beaten on the cross where the Kingdom is established..

Although St Mark's Greek is not as polished as some of the other New Testament writers, possibly because he was more comfortable with Aramaic, the everyday language of the Jews of his time, he does give a fascinating account of the life of Jesus, and it is a short read. It could be a useful exercise to read it as a continuous narrative in order to see how the passages we hear separately all fit together. •

NOTES & NEWS

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

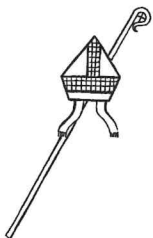
We are seeking volunteers for the Washing of the Feet during the Maundy Thursday Mass. Please sign the list on the notice board in church.



There is also a list for the Watch in the Garden, and you are invited to sign if you can commit to come for a slot on Thursday evening or

Good Friday. This is to make sure that the Watch is continuous, but it doesn't stop you from coming if you haven't signed !

CHRISM MASS



The Chrism Mass is the occasion each Holy Week when Bishops bless the Oils - for the Sick, for Baptism, for Chrismation and Ordination - and also when priests have the opportunity to renew their ordination promises.

This year the Bishop of Richborough will celebrate this Mass in Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday, 26th March at 12.00 noon. This is one of several Chrism Masses for the Richborough family.

The Mass will be in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and also this year the Bishop of Rochester. It will also be our opportunity to bid farewell to Bishop Norman as he retires at Easter.

There are light refreshments offered after the Mass in the visitor welcome centre. All are welcome, but do come - especially this year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER

Fr Paul

Saturday 23rd March 10.30 am

Tuesday 26th March 5.30 pm

Good Friday after Stations

Saturday 30th March 10.30 am

Fr David

Maundy Thursday 6.30 pm

or by appointment with either priest

There will also be opportunities at

The Service of Penance on Palm
Sunday at St George's

YOU ARE NEEDED

The fact that we are able to come into a clean church week by week is because we have a small cleaning party on a Saturday morning once a month.

On Holy Saturday morning (30th March this year) we try to have a major clean and we would welcome extra bodies for an hour or so from 9.00 am. Could you help ?

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**ST GEORGE'S
Bickley Park Road
Solemnity of St George**

Sunday 28th April

(transferred from 23rd)

6.00 pm Solemn Mass

followed by refreshments

ALL WELCOME

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

There is much talk currently about the need to avoid discrimination in society. We don't have to agree with the teachings of Islam, Judaism or any other faith, but we do need to allow their followers freedom to practise their faith.

When Pope John Paul II visited Jerusalem in 2000, he went to the "wailing wall" and placed a signed note according to Jewish custom. It read : *God of our fathers, you chose Abraham and his descendants to bring your Name to the Nations : we are deeply saddened by the behaviour of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer and, asking your forgiveness, we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the covenant.*

Our Muslim brothers and sisters also look to Abraham as their father in faith.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Good Friday Walk of Witness



Gather at the Methodist Church in Prince Imperial Road from 9.30 am for a 10 am start.

After the walk along the High Street those who wish return to Methodist Church for refreshments



WEB SITE

We have a new web page

using the Church Near You address

www.achurchnearyou.com/annunciation-chislehurst

The parish is also on Facebook where you can find recent sermons and notice sheets

THIS MAGAZINE is available free each month, and is normally published on the last Sunday of the preceding month.

Contributions are invited, although the Editor reserves the right to decline or amend !

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Copy should be e-mailed to Father David no later than noon on the copy date.

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Under the Sacramental and Pastoral Care of the Bishop of Richborough

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am Low Mass with Holy Communion (*Traditional rite*)

**10.00 am Sung Mass (with Holy Communion)
& Children's church**

Other services as announced

HOLY DAYS

**10.00 am Low Mass
with Holy Communion**

**7.30 pm Sung Mass
with Holy Communion**

*Details of such days are
advertised on the
Weekly Bulletin*

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday 10.00 am Low Mass

Tuesday 6.30 pm Low Mass

Wednesday 10.00 am Low Mass

Thursday 7.30 pm Low Mass

Friday 10.00 am Low Mass

Saturday 9.00 am Low Mass

*Morning Office is usually said
forty-five minutes before Mass
on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions

Saturdays

**10.30 am Fr Paul
Fr David by appointment**

MARRIAGES, BANNS, BAPTISMS MINISTRY TO THE SICK

By arrangement with the Vicar,
Father Paul Farthing

For contact details see inside back cover