



The Parish of St James's Elmers End

4th May 2025 – 9.15am Parish Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPENING HYMN (CHFE 379)

**LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**Prince of life, for us thou livest,
By the body souls are healed;
Prince of peace, thy peace thou givest,
By thy blood is pardon sealed;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Word of God, in flesh revealed.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Great high priest of our profession,
Through the veil thou entered in;
By thy mighty intercession
Grace and mercy thou canst win:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Only sacrifice for sin.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,
Stricken rock, with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The priest invites those present to confess their sins

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as
the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You poured out on your people the Spirit
of truth:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to
eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins and bring us to
everlasting life.
Amen.

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to
God in the highest.
For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

THE COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory
of our adoption, we may look forward in
confident hope to the rejoicing of the day
of resurrection.

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 30

℟ / I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. **℟**


Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.

At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

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Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into
dancing.
O LORD my God, I will thank you for
ever. 

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ is risen, who created all things
and has shown compassion on the human
race.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again
to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and
he revealed himself in this way. Simon
Peter, Thomas (called the Twin),
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of

Zebedee, and two others of his disciples
were together. Simon Peter said to them,
'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We
will go with you.' They went out and got
into the boat, but that night they caught
nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on
the shore; yet the disciples did not know
that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them,
'Children, do you have any fish?' They
answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast
the net on the right side of the boat, and
you will find some.' So they cast it, and
now they were not able to haul it in,
because of the quantity of fish. That
disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said
to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon
Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on
his outer garment, for he was stripped for
work, and threw himself into the sea. The
other disciples came in the boat, dragging
the net full of fish, for they were not far
from the land, but about a hundred metres
off.

When they got out on land, they saw a
charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on
it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring
some of the fish that you have just caught.'
So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled
the net ashore, full of large fish, one
hundred and fifty-three of them. And
although there were so many, the net was
not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and
have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples
dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew
it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the
bread and gave it to them, and so with the
fish. This was now the third time that Jesus
was revealed to the disciples after he was
raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

I believe in one God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father
before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were
made; who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,

and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified, who spake by the
prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic
and apostolic Church. I acknowledge
one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each bidding is said:

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

at the end of the prayers

Merciful Father.

**accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN (CHfE 195)

GLORIOUS things of thee are
spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Blest inhabitants of Sion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
make them Kings and priest to God.
'Tis his love his people raises,
over self to reign as kings,
and, as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, since of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Sion's children know.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of his holy Church.

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:
... sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest..**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:
The mystery of faith:
**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:
...honour is yours, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom
come; thy will be done; on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

The people receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this Order of Service with you.

COMMUNION HYMN (CHFE 54)

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength ...**

**You're my friend and you're my
brother,
even thou you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength ...**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord, and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by
eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The congregation **STAND**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Bow down for the blessing.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to
do his will, working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight;

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit, come down on you and remain with
you for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN (CHFE 58)

**AT the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
love the victim, love the priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his
sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the
foe.**

**Christ the lamb, whose blood was
shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from the sky,
powers of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave:
vanquished Satan and the grave;
angels join his praise to tell –
see o'erthrown the prince of hell.**

**Paschal triumph, paschal joy,
only sin can this destroy;
from the death of sin set free
souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory songs of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Father, unto thee we raise,
ever with the Spirit be.**

THE REGINA CAELI

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven!
Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear;
Alleluia.
As He promis'd, hath arisen; Alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer;
Alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray
O God, who through the resurrection of
Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ
didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world:
grant, we beseech thee, that through the
prayers of His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we
may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our 11am Mass is live-streamed this morning on our Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@StJamesandStMichael>) and St Michael's Facebook page.

PRAYERS

For those in need:

Bill, Roger, Cheryl, Judith, Derek, Pippa,
Jeanette, Fay, Joyce, Baby Lucy, Vercilla,
Chris, Pauline, John, Carol, Susan, Richard,
Eileen, Sarah, Geraldine.

Recently Departed:

Dorothea Jessop, Pope Francis,
Madeleine Mann, Fr Suneth Nonis,
Viv Dench

Anniversaries of death:

Adam Carr, Bernard Hughes (Priest),
Kathleen Pett, Ebenezer Worsfold, Frank
Phillips, William Garland, Trudy Gears,
Emily Eames, Olive Turner, William Fisher,
William Wright, Matilda Butler,
Gwendoline Boyling.

THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

Monday (Bank Holiday)

Fr Russell's rest day

Tuesday

No Mass

7pm Induction – St Mary's Shortlands

Wednesday

10.00am Mass (*St Michael*)

Thursday

10.30am Mass & Coffee (*St James*)

Friday

7.00pm Mass (*St Michael*)

Saturday

9.30am Mass (*St James*)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK QUIZ

Saturday 10th May

In St. James's Church Hall
6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start
Tickets £8.00

Tables of no more than 8 people
Please bring your own drinks and nibble.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ENVELOPES

There are envelopes at the back of both churches. If you would like to make a donation (and are able to gift aid - please fill in the details requested) please do so, and return to Julian Gibson.

OTHER CHRISTIAN AID WEEK FUND RAISING EVENTS IN BECKENHAM

Coffee Morning, Beckenham Methodist Church, Bromley Road,

10th May 10.30am-12.30pm

The Big Brekkie, Beckenham Baptist Church, corner of Beckenham Road and Elm Road, 17th May 9am - 12.30

Beckenham Concert Band, showcase concert, Beckenham Baptist Church (as above) 17th May 7pm, entry £10, concessions £5, children free.

ST. MICHAEL'S BARBECUE

11th May from 1.30 p.m. at

St. Michael's Vicarage. This is a free event, but please bring along a side salad or bread. Donations to defray costs welcome. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church and indicate any dietary requirements.

LIVING WELL FOODBANK

There is a basket for non-perishable food and toiletries for the food bank at the back of St. James's Church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

St. James's Church 11th May immediately after the service

Please do your best to attend
Please note that on 11th May the 9.15 a.m. service will be at St. Michael's Church and the 11 a.m. service will be at St. James's Church, to facilitate the St. James's Church APCM to be held after the service.

ST JOHN'S HIGHAM

We are invited to join the people of St John Higham to celebrate the Feast of St John at the Latin Gate on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm. The preacher will be Fr Richard Norman.

ST AUGUSTINE BELVEDERE

We are invited to join the people of St Augustine Belvedere to celebrate their Patronal Festival on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm. The preacher will be Fr Grant Naylor, Vicar of St Matthews Carver Street in Sheffield.

USED STAMPS

We are still collecting used postage stamps at St. James's Church - box at the back of the church.

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