



# The Parish of St James's Elmers End

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 9.15am Parish Mass

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### OPENING HYMN (CHFE 143)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
forgive our foolish ways!

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise;  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust  
like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee;  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt  
to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls  
the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace;  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats  
of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake,  
wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm;  
O still, small voice of calm.

### 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*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me  
to the Lord our God.

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

### THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## 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

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

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

*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says:

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a*

**R Behold, I have come, Lord,  
to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the LORD, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. R

You delight not in sacrifice and offering, but in an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' R

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:

'I delight to do your will, O my God; your instruction lies deep within me.' R

Your uprightness I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. R

## SECOND READING

*I Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:29-34)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have

seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## THE SERMON

We STAND to sing

## 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

In the power of the Spirit and in union  
with the Son let us pray to the Father.

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.**

We STAND for our

### OFFERTORY HYMN (CHFE 536)

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.**

**O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

### 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 all his holy Church.**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may  
participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this  
sacrifice is celebrated the work of our  
redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up 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:*

**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:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:*

*... 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 556)**

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist  
didst pray  
that all thy Church might  
be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul,  
"thy will be done."  
O may we all one Bread,  
one Body be,  
one through this Sacrament  
of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord,  
we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions  
soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each,  
we plead,  
by drawing all to thee,  
O Prince of Peace;  
thus may we all one Bread,  
one Body be,  
one through this Sacrament  
of unity.**

We pray thee too for wanderers  
from thy fold;  
O bring them back,  
good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith  
which saints believed of old,  
back to the Church which  
still that faith doth keep;  
soon may we all one Bread,  
one Body be,  
one through this Sacrament  
of unity..

So, Lord, at length when  
sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one  
with all thy Church above,  
one with thy saints  
in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one  
unbounded love;  
more blessed still, in peace  
and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your  
love, and in your kindness make those  
you have nourished by this one heavenly  
Bread one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*The congregation STAND*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

May almighty God Bless you  
the Father, and the Son,   
and the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **FINAL HYMN (CHfE 688)**

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation,  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came  
and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in one,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

### Monday

Fr Russell's rest day

### Tuesday

7.00pm Mass (*St James*)

### Wednesday

10.00am Mass and Coffee (*St Michael*)

### Thursday

10.30am Mass and Coffee (*St James*)

### Friday

7.00pm Mass (*St Michael*)

### Saturday

9.30am BCP Communion (*St James*)

## PRAYERS

### *For those in need:*

Bill, Roger, Derek, Pippa, Jeanette, Joyce,  
Lucy, Vercilla, Chris, Pauline, Carol,  
Wendy, Ross, Adrian, Alison, Jean, Bob,  
Nick, Matt, Barbara

### *The recently departed:*

Gloria Michael, Gloria Kinch

### *Anniversaries of death:*

(18) Elizabeth Fuller, Kate Whitehouse,  
Victor Parfitt, Esther Bird, Harry Benton,  
Arthur Harwood, Gladys Banks,  
Marguerite Carter, Bridget Pickering,  
(19) Henry Humble, Eliza Dicker,  
Arthur Kingson, Fredrick Rodd,  
Winnie Cox,  
(20) Benjamin Harmes,  
John Nottingham, Amos Sandes,  
Margaret Storr-Best, Walter Ling,  
Sophia Toms, David Brooks,  
(21) Fredrick Jones, Ellen Dives,  
(20) Joyce Moore,  
(22) Edith Fielding, Minne Reed  
William Cole, Ellen Dives,  
Laura Grindley, Colm Byrne,  
(23) Ada Littlehales, Sarah Hoadley,  
Horace Parker, John Harris, Maud Galer,  
William Hare, Helen Watson,

(24) Dorothy Betts, Florence Galer,  
Edward Savin, Ada Savin, Sidney Targett,  
Alan Moore, Sampson Anoff

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Our parish pilgrimage this will be from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to book a place, we have 2 available. Please see Fr Russell.

## NEWSLETTER

If you have anything for February's Newsletter, please let Fr Russell have it by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

## MESSY CHURCH

Our first Messy Church take place this afternoon at 4pm. If you've not signed up yet, it's not too late!

Email:

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## ST. JAMES'S QUIZ

Please make a note in your diaries that the next quiz will be on 14 March. It's not too soon to start organising your dream team!

## THE BIBLE COURSE

Due to a confusion over the release date of the course it will now begin on  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Begins today, everyone is invited to the following events:

### Sunday 18th January

5.30pm

Choral Evensong at St George's Church

### Monday 19th January

11am-2pm

Craft Afternoon at Joy's Kitchen,  
Beckenham Methodist Church

### Monday 19th January 8pm

Taizé Service

at Beckenham Baptist Church

### Tuesday 20th January

4pm - Evening Prayer  
at St Edmund's Church

### Wednesday 21st January

10.30am - Service of Holy Communion  
at St George's Church

### Thursday 22nd January

9.30am-2pm - Green Bird Café  
at St John's Church, Eden Park

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

9am Morning Prayer  
St Paul's Church Brackley Road

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