



# The Parish of St James's Elmers End

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

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### OPENING HYMN (NEH 407)

Lord, thy Word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
then thy Word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by thy Word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning,  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee!

### 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 us to confess our 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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

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 9:1b-4*

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of

the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R/a*

**R The LORD is my light  
and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? R

There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to enquire at his temple. R

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong; be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! R

## SECOND READING

*I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow

Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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

### THE GOSPEL (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every affliction among the people.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew (4:12-23)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there

he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

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.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 495)

**God is working his purpose out**  
**as year succeeds to year:**  
**God is working his purpose out,**  
**and the time is drawing near;**  
**nearer and nearer draws the time,**  
**the time that shall surely be,**  
**when the earth shall be filled**  
**with the glory of God**  
**as the waters cover the sea.**

From utmost east to utmost west,  
where'er man's foot hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God;  
give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**What can we do**  
**to work God's work,**  
**to prosper and increase**  
**the brotherhood of all mankind-**  
**the reign of the Prince of Peace?**  
**What can we do**  
**to hasten the time-**  
**the time that shall surely be,**  
**when the earth shall be filled**  
**with the glory of God**  
**as the waters cover the sea.**

### 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.**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for  
salvation.  
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 (NEH 308)**

**Thee we adore,  
O hidden Saviour, thee,  
who in thy sacrament  
art pleased to be;  
both flesh and spirit  
in thy presence fail,  
yet here thy presence  
we devoutly hail.**

**O blest memorial  
of our dying Lord,  
who living bread to men  
doth here afford!  
O may our souls  
for ever feed on thee,  
and thou, O Christ, for ever  
precious be.**

**Fountain of goodness,  
Jesu, Lord and God,  
cleanse us, unclean,  
with thy most cleansing blood;  
increase our faith and love,  
that we may know  
the hope and peace which  
from thy presence flow.**

O Christ, whom now beneath  
a veil we see,  
may what we thirst  
for soon our portion be,  
to gaze on thee unveiled,  
and see thy face,  
the vision of thy glory  
and thy grace.

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
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 (NEH 362)

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 thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

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

## THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

**Monday**  
No Mass

**Tuesday**  
No Mass

**Wednesday**  
No Mass

**Thursday**  
11am Coffee (St James)

**Friday**  
No Mass

**Saturday**  
No Mass

## 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, Chris, Glenys

***The recently departed:***

Gloria Michael, Gloria Kinch

***Anniversaries of death:***

(25) Fredrick Jamieson, Arthur Fry,  
Margaret Bennett,  
(26) Leslie Knight, Derek Clarke,  
(27) Vera Knight, Mabel Baker,  
Grace Mansfield, Edward Paterson,  
Hubert Gooding,  
(28) Georgina Palmer,  
Henry Alison (Priest), Annie Benniston,  
Thomas Snowball, Leonard Gulliver,  
(29) Edward Wright, William Thorp,  
Dorothy Thompson, Elsie Rees,  
Frances Poole.  
(30) Elizabeth Montague,  
Bill Brassell (Priest).  
(31) Maria Poston, Edith Rowlinson,  
Douglas Hawley, Philip Moore, James  
Siddons.

## OFF DUTY

Fr Russell is off duty this week so there will be no weekday Masses. If you need a priest in an emergence, please contact the Benefice Office or a Churchwarden.

## THURSDAY COFFEE

Coffee will be available from 11am on Thursday morning.

## 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.

## MESSY CHURCH

Thanks to all who helped with Messy Church last Sunday. I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

## 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!

## ST JAMES'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We shall be meeting on 6 February at 2.00 p.m. in the Guild Room at St. James's Church. All welcome

## 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**

## THE ANNUNCIATION CHISLEHURST

Fr Stephen Jullien's induction as Vicar of The Annunciation Chislehurst takes place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

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