



The Parish of St James's Elmers End

25th 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. R1a

**℟ 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? **℟**

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. **℟**

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! **℟**

SECOND READING

1 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 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 (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.

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.

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.

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 10th – 12th 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 4th February at 7pm
Thursday 5th February at 2pm

THE ANNUNCIATION CHISLEHURST

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

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