



# The Parish of St James's Elmers End

7th June 2026 – 9.15am Parish Mass

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

### OPENING HYMN (NEH 271)

**ALLELUYA**, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight  
received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool,  
heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh,  
our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest  
and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

### 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

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of  
your Body and Blood that we may always  
experience in ourselves the fruits of your  
redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a*

Moses spoke to the people: You shall  
remember the whole way that the  
LORD your God has led you these forty  
years in the wilderness, that he might

humble you, testing you to know what  
was in your heart, whether you would  
keep his commandments or not. And he  
humbled you and let you hunger and fed  
you with manna, which you did not  
know, nor did your fathers know, that he  
might make you know that man does not  
live by bread alone, but man lives by  
every word that comes from the mouth  
of the LORD.

Do not forget the LORD your God, who  
brought you out of the land of Egypt, out  
of the house of slavery, who led you  
through the great and terrifying  
wilderness, with its fiery serpents and  
scorpions and thirsty ground where  
there was no water, who brought you  
water out of the flinty rock, who fed you  
in the wilderness with manna that your  
fathers did not know. take us for your  
inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R 12a*

**R O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!**

O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!  
O Sion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars  
of your gates;  
he has blessed your children  
within you. **R**

He established peace on your borders;  
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth,  
and swiftly runs his command. **R**

He reveals his word to Jacob;  
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his judgements **R**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

## THE SEQUENCE

Angels' bread made pilgrims' feeding truly bread for children's eating, to dogs not to be offered.

Signed by Isaac on the altar,  
by the lamb and paschal supper,  
and in the manna figured.

Jesu, food and feeder of us,  
here with mercy feed and friend us,  
then grant in heaven felicity.

Lord of all, who here do feed us,  
heav'nly guests, heirs, fellows make us,  
in eternal company.  
Amen. Alleluia.

## THE GOSPEL (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
I am the living bread that came down  
from heaven, says the Lord.  
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live  
for ever.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John (6:51-58)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## 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

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 296)

**LORD, enthroned in heavenly  
splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
Liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluya,  
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment  
pray we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluya,  
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form  
doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels  
hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluya,  
We in worship join with them.  
Paschal Lamb, thine Offering,  
finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya,  
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud  
hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

### **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 your Church, O Lord, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs  
are to be seen in mystery in the offerings  
we here present.

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:  
... for ever praising you and saying:*

**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  
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 305)

**SOUL of my Saviour,  
sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ,  
be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour,  
bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with water  
flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection  
may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesu,  
hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord,  
hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never,  
never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me  
from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments  
make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me  
come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee  
with thy saints for ay.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may  
delight for all eternity in that share in  
your divine life, which is foreshadowed in  
the present age by our reception of your  
precious Body and Blood.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The congregation* **STAND**

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

✠ May Almighty God Bless you,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

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

## FINAL HYMN (NEH 268)

**OF the glorious body telling,  
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,  
And the blood, all price excelling,  
Which the world's eternal King,  
In a spotless womb once dwelling,  
Shed for this world's ransoming.**

**Given for us, for us descending,  
Of a virgin to proceed,  
Man with man in converse blending,  
Scattered he the gospel seed,  
Till his sojourn drew to ending,  
Which he closed in wondrous deed.**

**At the last great supper lying  
Circled by his chosen band,  
Duly with the law complying,  
First he finished its command,  
Then, immortal food supplying,  
Gave himself by his own hand.**

**Word-made-flesh,  
by word he maketh  
Bread his very flesh to be;  
Man in wine  
Christ's blood partaketh:  
And if senses fail to see,  
Faith alone the true heart waketh  
To behold the mystery.**

## PRAYERS

### *For those in need:*

Bill, Roger, Derek, Pippa, Jeanette, Joyce,  
Lucy, Vercilla, Pauline, Ross, Adrian, Jean,  
Nick, Barbara, Pam, Daniel, Eileen, Rolf,  
Mavis, Jo, Christine, Barbra

### *Recently departed:*

Linda Longdon, Colleen John

### *Anniversaries of death:*

- (7) Ernest Chubb, John Glover  
(8) John Haggis, Celia Browning,  
Gwen Powell  
(9) Frank Milton, Frank Elleman,  
Matthew Goatley, Lynne Curtis  
(10) Emilie Blackwell, Lawrie Fisher,  
Charles Hendrick, Ellen Mitchell-Green  
(11) Hilda Swift, Henry Dubury,  
Agnes Cooper, Kitty Swaffer  
(12) Ernest Walter, Doreen Wilson  
(13) Albert Foulger, Edith Pillar,  
Freddie Schroder, Violet Watkins,  
John Goatley

## 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 Rosary  
10.00am Mass (St James)

## TONIGHT

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
5pm Sung Evensong and Benediction  
followed by FiF AGM

## PARISH BREAKFAST

For the foreseeable future refreshments  
after the 9.15 am service will be served  
in the Lecture Room.

## ST JAMES'S SUMMER BARBECUE

27 June, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm  
St. James's garden (indoors if wet)  
A variety of barbecued meats and  
desserts

Vegetarian option available  
Bring your own drinks

Please book with Jan 07939 088820  
If you have a gazebo we could borrow  
please let Jan know.

## PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES

26 July St. James's Patronal Festival with  
Bishop Luke. 5.00 pm  
Mass followed by refreshments

1 August Afternoon cream tea, St.  
James's Church Garden (indoors if wet)

27 September 5 pm  
St. Michael's Patronal Festival with  
Bishop Lindsay Urwin

## TOP OF THE PEW

The first round of this knockout  
competition will be held on 21 June in St.  
James's Church Hall at **7.30pm** against  
Elmers End Free Church. Please come  
along and cheer along our team - we do  
appreciate your support. We made it to  
the semi-finals last year.

**Please note the amended start  
time.**

## CHIRST CHURCH BECKENHAM CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am to 5pm  
Christ Church Hall Open for exhibition  
of CCB 1876 – 2176  
*History of the Church and Hall*  
See and search baptism & wedding registers  
View archive photos  
Explore the new building plans  
Free refreshments  
All are welcome

## FRIENDS OF WELCARE IN BROMLEY

Summer Piano Recital  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
3pm – 5pm  
*Pianist Geoff Mussard*

St Francis Church, Ravenswood Ave  
West Wickham, BR4 0PW  
£10 per person, pay at the door

## CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you all to who took part in our  
sponsored walk for Christian Aid and to  
all who sponsored people.  
Between us we raised £1148.

## FUNERAL OF COLLEEN JOHN

Colleen's Funeral Mass takes place at  
St Michael's Church  
on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am

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