

ALL MASSES 10AM AND ARE ZOOMED

Morning Prayer 9am & Evening Prayer 4.30pm

The Weekday Masses *Ordinary Week 1*

Monday 11th - Saturday 16th January 2021

Day	CELEBRATION	INTENTION
M	Feria	Higham Parish Council
T	Feria	Local Schools
W	S.Hilary <i>Bishop-Teacher</i> memoria	Forward-in-Faith
Th.	Feria	The deanery of Strood
F	Feria	SSC clergy
S	Feria <i>Mass of Requiem</i> votive	+RIP's & Anniversaries

INTERCESSIONS RENEWAL by Friday 8pm
All requests to Fr J. via email /text /phone

Epidemic Intercessions Sun: Family, friends & loved ones; Mon: Schools & colleges, children & young people; Tue: Elderly, isolated & vulnerable; Wed: Businesses, the workplace & economic wellbeing; Thur: The NHS & other key workers; Fri: National & Local government; Sat: All who are grieving, or all suffering with physical and mental ill-health.

Please esp pray for: all whose plans/lives/work are adversely affected by Covid19; Persecuted esp. fellow Christians / refugees / exiles. Our Church friends now in care-homes: Audrey S., Dudley C., Joan N., Nigel T., Rose L.

The Sick: Adam, Carolyn, Fr Chris, Cora *child*, Helen D., Roz W., all with Covid19 esp Liz & Jon; *the housebound, chronically ill, confused persons, those undergoing treatments / procedures or who are dying.*

The Bereaved and all who are working with them at present

+RIPs: Walter Phillips, Audrey Tomsett, Elsie Bentley, Peter Mills, Leslie Williamson, Joyce Dockrell, John Harding, Peter Quepon, John Waine *Bishop*

+RIP Anniversaries: 10th-Isobel Clatworthy, Peggy Last, 11th-Valerie Howard, 12th-Katherine Elliott, Ann Grain, 14th-Albert Haselden, 15th-Percy Dams *Priest*, Jack Berry, 16th-Jean Hopson Hill

Thanksgiving: for key workers at present especially those working in the NHS/Care Sector and Schools/Colleges, Vaccine research and inoculation programme

The Church's Shrine Lamps are sponsored this week in memory of 'BERT' HASELDEN +RIP 14 Jan. 2009

2021 LAMP SPONSORSHIP needed please. Forms will be emailed on request or ring Val who deals with this at the moment 01474 823423. THANK YOU 2020 sponsors

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Live Worship via Zoom is available

On Sundays and Weekdays.

NOTE CHANGES of TIMES to tie in with the reduced Private Prayer Times in Church

Next Week	2nd Ordinary Sunday	17th JAN'21
	of the year	
ALL SERVICES printed below are Zoomed		
Morning Prayer 9am		
1 st MASS – 10AM	Intention: For the Parish	
2 nd MASS – 11am	[also Church Facebook]	
Evening Prayer 4.30pm		

Facebook/Twitter links @ website: highamparishchurch.org.uk

SAINT JOHN'S, HIGHAM

Parish of Higham with Merston

Diocese of Rochester, Church of England.

Under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Richborough

Parish Bulletin - Week Beginning:

Sunday 10th January 2021

The Baptism of The Lord

Last Day of Christmastide



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ALL SERVICES ZOOMED DURING LOCKDOWN

For access to zoom - email request to Fr James

TODAY – 10th JAN. 2021

9am Morning Prayer

10am - THE PARISH MASS

11.00am - Second Mass

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday Readings: on Church website or request by email
Daily mass readings can be sent too on request

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 11.00AM (Sundays from 12 Noon) TO 4.00PM
Facemasks must be worn – All Lockdown rules observed

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THE CHURCH HALL IS NOT YET AVAILABLE

The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River
Jordan

and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things
to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord
who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways

– it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to
provide seed for the sower and bread for the
eater, so the word that goes from my mouth does
not return to me empty, without carrying out my
will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading**1 John 5:1-9**

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son
of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation**cf. Jn 1:29**

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 1:7-11**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist
said:

'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down
and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised
you with water, but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth
in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John.
No sooner had he come up out of the water than
he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like
a dove, descending on him. And a voice came
from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon**Jn 1: 32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is
the Son of God.

Prayers to use when Holy Communion not available**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I
cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace
you as if you were already there and unite myself
wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated
from you. Amen.

The 'Anima Christi'

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save
me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the
side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ,
strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within
your wounds, hide me. Never let me be separated
from you. From the malignant enemy, defend me.
At the hour of death, call me; and bid me come to
you, that with your saints I may praise you forever
and ever. Amen