

ST GEORGE, BICKLEY

NEWSLETTER 1st FEBRUARY 2026

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND NEXT YEAR Meeting after church today for all those interested. In the Small Hall at about 12.15pm. We are going to the Holy Land next year (January 11-21), making a pilgrimage to the holy sites in Israel, Palestine and Jordan, led by Fr Henry and Fiona, and organised by an experienced specialist tour operator. Detailed itinerary available at the meeting, where we shall aim to answer your questions. This will be the trip of a lifetime. Come and see!

PRE-LENT LUNCH. Sunday 15th February in the Hall. Have a blow-out before your fast begins! Tomato soup, cottage pie, raspberry mousse with shortbread, coffee and mints. Tickets now on sale for £15, from Margaret Brading. Glass of wine on arrival, bring your own bottle(s) to accompany your meal.

THE GREAT STORM OF 1987 AND HOW IT CHANGED MY LIFE a talk by Bob Ogle, 3pm Saturday 7th February at St Peter & St Paul Church (behind Primark). In aid of Welcare. £10 on the door (BUT please register in advance, for catering purposes, to sheilabee498@gmail.com or 01689851605).

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Please consider whether you would like to join us on the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year it will be Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June. The cost will be £188.80. Reservation forms are available at the back of church and should be returned either electronically to Graham Callow, or in hard copy either to Graham or to Fr Henry.

LENT BEGINS ON 18TH FEBRUARY, Ash Wednesday, when the imposition of ashes will take place at both the 9.30 Mass and the 8.00pm Sung Mass. The Lent programme will be available next week.

OUR LENT APPEAL this year will be for Tariro, a small charity working in our partner diocese of Harare, Zimbabwe, founded by Fr Nicolas Stebbing CR. More details next week. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNK-E4YZ8O4>

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 3rd 9.30 Mass with Blessing of Throats (St Blaise)
2 Samuel 18; 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19; 3. Mark 5; 21-43.

Wednesday 4th 9.30 Mass
2 Samuel 24; 2, 9-17. Mark 6; 1-6.

Thursday 5th 9.30 Mass (St Agatha)
1 Kings 2; 1-4, 10-12. Mark 6; 7-13.

Friday 6th 9.30 Mass (St Paul Miki & companions)
Sirach 47; 2-1. Mark 6; 14-29.
6.30pm Confessions.

Saturday 7th 9.30 Mass and Rosary (of Our Lady)
1 Kings 3; 4-13. Mark 6; 30-34.

NEXT SUNDAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SEXAGESIMA)

8.00 Mass (Traditional Rite)
10.30 Sung Mass with Procession and Children's Church
12.30pm Baptism Service

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE IN NEED: HM The King, Lizi Benjamin, Keith Bowley, Sylvia Braybrooke, Sue Byers, Jim & Janet Connor, Julie Couldridge, Beatrice Dadson, Madeleine Donlan, Sandra Donohue, Roger Edwards, Stuart Esk, Matthew Fairweather, Ahmed & Asma Farid, Norman Good, Elaine Greasley, Alison Hadfield, Caroline Houston, Mary Huggins, Kim James, Maxine Johnson, Catherine Jones, Ralph Jones, Marie Kerrigan, James Lofthouse, Margaret McKensie, Alistair Messenger, Joseph Milad, Nelly Oakeshott, Debbie Platt, Lee Ramsey, Lyn Ramsey, Scott Ramsey, David Richards, Ray Shaw, Joan Turpin, Norman Vaughton, Elaine Warner & family, Leslie Watmore, Laila Williams, Wojciech.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: John Roberts, Jill Simner, Chris Brennan.

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