

St George, Bickley

Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2019



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Lent 2019, at St George's Bickley

The three pillars of the observance of the forty days of Lent are *prayer*, *fasting* and *almsgiving* (*charity*). Regular and special times of prayer are set out below:

Weekly Service Times*

Sunday	8am	Low Mass (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Mass & Children's Church
	5pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>around the Diocese</i>)
Monday	8am	Mass (<i>The Annunciation, Chislehurst</i>)
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	<i>Holy Hour</i> 10am Mass
Thursday	7.30pm	Mass (<i>The Annunciation, Chislehurst</i>)
Friday	9.30am	Mass 3pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.30am	Mass & Rosary

*consult the weekly sheet to confirm

Special Services & Preachers

Ash Wednesday, 6 March	10am	Mass <i>then all-day Exposition, until 5.30pm</i>
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer & Benediction
	8pm	Sung Mass
Saturday, 9 March	10.30am-3.30pm	Forward in Faith Quiet Day (<i>St Peter & St Paul, Edenbridge</i>)
Sunday, 10 March (Lent 1)	10.30am	<i>Preacher:</i> Fr James Wilkinson (<i>Chaplain to the Bishop of Fulham, & Associate Vicar, St Dunstan-in-the-West</i>)
	5pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>St James, Elmers End</i>)
Sunday, 17 March (Lent 2)	10.30am	<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Dane Batley-Gladden (<i>Vicar, St Mary, Swanley</i>)
	5pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>St Augustine, Belvedere</i>)
Sunday, 24 March (Lent 3)	10.30am	<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Andrew Davis (<i>Hon. Assistant Priest, St John, Higham</i>)
	5pm	Patronal Festival Mass (<i>The Annunciation, Chislehurst</i>)
Friday, 29 March	2.30pm	Bickley Park School Service
Sunday, 31 March (Mothering Sunday)	10.30am	<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Richard
	5pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>St Mary, Swanley</i>)
Thursday 4 April	(morning) (afternoon)	St George's School KS2 Service St George's School KS1 Service
Sunday, 7 April (Lent 5)	10.30am (after Mass)	<i>Preacher:</i> Fr David
	5pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>Forward in Faith</i>) Lent Lecture & Recital by Stephen Davies
Sunday, 14 April (Palm Sunday)	10.30am	<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Richard
	5pm	Penance & Reconciliation (<i>St Michael, Beckenham</i>)
Monday, 15 April	8pm	Sung Mass (<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Clive Jones)
Tuesday, 16 April	12pm	Richborough Chrism Mass (<i>Canterbury Cathedral</i>)
	8pm	Sung Mass (<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Dane B-G)
Wed, 17 April	8pm	Sung Mass (<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Paul Farthing)
Thursday 18 April (Maundy Thursday)	8pm	Sung Mass, Ceremonies & Watch of the Passion until Midnight
Friday, 19 April (Good Friday)	(tbc) 3pm	Churches Together Walk of Witness Liturgy, & Veneration of the Cross (<i>followed by hot cross buns</i>)
Saturday, 20 April (Holy Saturday)	9.30am 8pm	Maria Desolata (<i>followed by church cleaning</i>) Vigil, & First Mass of Easter (<i>followed by fireworks and a party - please bring something to share</i>)
Sunday, 21 April (EASTER DAY)	8am 10.30am	Low Mass (BCP) Sung Mass & Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, 28 April (Easter 2 / (transf.) St GEORGE'S DAY)	8am 6pm	Low Mass (BCP) Patronal Festival Mass (<i>Preacher:</i> Fr Owen Beament <i>some-time Vicar of All Saints, New Cross</i>) (<i>please bring something to share at the party!</i>)

Confession

Lent is an ideal time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession. If you've never made your Confession before, or haven't done so for a long time, why not speak to Fr Richard or Fr David to find out more?



Lent Course

This year's Lent course was inspired by the TV series "Broken", written by Jimmy McGovern and starring Sean Bean, which focuses on the life and ministry of Fr Michael Kerrigan, a Roman Catholic priest who, despite past trauma and anxiety about his own inadequacies, attempts to bring the light of Christ into the lives of the people among whom he ministers. The course was written by Canon Dr Paula Gooder: each session includes an episode of the series, and discussion. The sessions will run as follows:

Wednesday, 13 March	7pm-9pm	<i>in the small Hall</i>
Saturday, 16 March	11am-1pm	<i>in the small Hall</i>
Wednesday, 20 March	7pm-9pm	<i>in the small Hall</i>
Wednesday, 27 March	7pm-9pm	<i>in the small Hall</i>
Wednesday, 10 April	7pm-9pm	<i>in the small Hall</i>
Saturday, 13 April	11am-1pm	<i>in the small Hall</i>

Fasting

You are no doubt familiar with the tradition of giving up something for Lent. The forty days of Lent (excluding Sundays) are a time for sobriety and moderation. Perhaps by giving something up, you will save money which can in turn be donated to our Lent Appeal (*below*). The tradition of **abstinence** dictates that we should on all Fridays (of the year, excluding solemnities) avoid eating meat, to prompt us to consider Our Lord's sacrifice on Good Friday. The practice of **fasting** also suggests that on *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday* we should reduce our intake of food to - at most - one light meal and two small snacks. This is a sign of, and prompt to, penitence for our sins. *You are encouraged to take seriously these disciplines as you embark on your pilgrimage through Lent.*



Almsgiving

Our Lent Appeal this year will be raising money for the Cancer Centre at Guy's Hospital, in memory of Harry Braybrooke, a young member of our congregation who sadly died last year. Please collect a tube of Smarties which, when empty, can be filled with £1 coins and 20p pieces. Please give generously, and return the tubes to church before Easter.

Lent Lecture & Recital

We are delighted that our friend and former Director of Music, Stephen Davies, has agreed to give a Lent Lecture & Recital on Sunday, 7 April at 6.30pm, on "*Bach's treatment of the Christian festivals and seasons of the Christian year from Advent to Trinity in his music for organ*". Stations of the Cross will take place at 5pm, with tea at 5.45pm in the Hall, before the recital. *All welcome : free admission.*