**ST GEORGE, BICKLEY**

**NEWSLETTER 1st JUNE 2025**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday after Ascension)**

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** will be starting soon. We shall be offering preparation for children in Year 6 and above, and adults of any age. Confirmation is the mark of adult commitment to the Church, and the normal means of admission to Holy Communion, and is the completion of Baptism. Any adults and young people who worship at St George’s without receiving Communion will be very welcome to be prepared. Please see Fr Henry if you are interested. The Confirmation Service will be in November.

**SINE NOMINE CONCERT** Our friends in the Sine Nomine Singers have a concert in church on Saturday 7th June exploring “The Music of Love”. The very varied programme is enhanced by the prizewinning young pianist Ben Abraham, who will play Rachmaninoff’s “Prelude, Opus 23 no.4”. The concert, as usual, starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FAITH**, our patrons, hold their festival at St Magnus Martyr, London Bridge, on Saturday 14th June at 12 noon with lunch after. Please let Fr Henry know if you are thinking of going.

**ST GEORGE’S SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 21st JUNE.** We need your donations of bottles, homemade cakes, bric-a-brac and glassware, toiletries, toys and raffle prizes. Leave them in the box at the back of church any time.

**TEENAGERS!** Rochester Society parishes send a group to the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage, all equipment provided, all costs covered. 4th-8th August. See Fr Henry. walsinghamanglican.org.uk/youngpilgrims/the-youth-pilgrimage/

**ROCK CHOIR** are giving a concert for Welcare at St Paul’s, Beckenham, 8-9.30pm Saturday 21st June. Tickets £10, on the door or via Welcare website.

**CORPUS CHRISTI FLOWER FESTIVAL** at St John’s, Higham. 19th -22nd June, 9am to 6pm, free admission.

**NEXT SUNDAY** cake and prosecco after Mass to celebrate Leo’s baptism.

**SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 3rd 9.30 Mass (St Charles Lwanga & companions)

 *Acts 20; 17-27. John 17; 1-11.*

Wednesday 4th 9.30 Mass

 *Acts 20; 28-38. John 17; 11-19.*

 11.00 Mass at KYN

Thursday 5th 9.30 Mass (St Boniface)

 *Acts 22; 30, 23; 6-11. John 17; 20-26.*

Friday 6th 9.30 Mass (St Norbert)

 *Acts 25; 13-21. John 21; 15-19.*

 6.30pm Confessions

Saturday 7th 9.30 Mass and Rosary

 *Acts 28; 16-20, 30-31. John 21; 20-25.*

**NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY (Whit Sunday)**

**10.30 Sung Mass with Holy Baptism & Children’s Church**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**THOSE IN NEED:** HM The King, Janet Aves, Ted Bennett, Keith Bowley, Sylvia Braybrooke, Sue Byers, Ron Carpenter, Julie Couldridge, Linda Courquin, Beatrice Dadson, Sandra Donohue, Roger Edwards, Stuart Esk, Matthew Fairweather, Ahmed & Asma Farid, Jan Good, Norman Good, Antonia Gowers, Elaine Greasley, Alison Hadfield, Caroline Houston, Mary Huggins, Kim James, Maxine Johnson, Catherine Jones, Ralph Jones, Marie Kerrigan, James Lofthouse, Rita McGrath, Joseph Milad, Elsie Neill, Nelly Oakeshott, Lee Ramsey, Lyn Ramsey, Scott Ramsey, John Rook, Shannon Sheridan, Joan Turpin, Norman Vaughton, Elaine Warner & family, Ann-Louise Whittaker, Laila Williams.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Margaret Withers, Ron Corp (pr), Hewlett Thompson (bp).

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