

# St George



*'Even the dogs eat the crumbs'*

## *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 16 August 2026*

### WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Church for our 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Parish Eucharist 5.30pm Evening prayer Large Print service-books are available. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid. Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.

### WOMEN

The Bible contains many stories of faithful women. Today we encounter the unnamed Canaanite woman who calls Jesus to change his mind. It is at this moment that Jesus' mission moves beyond the borders of Israel to embrace the whole world. The old barriers were, in many different ways, being swept away

### SUPPORT

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### readings

**Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8** The passage highlights the concern of non-Jewish people participating fully in Jewish temple worship. The implications for the ministry of welcome in the church today are obvious.

**Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32** Paul wrestles with the vision of a God whose purpose is to show mercy to all and will not abandon Israel.

**Matthew 15. 21-28** Although she is a Gentile, the woman addresses Jesus respectfully. She is ignored by Jesus but she perseveres in faith, and her daughter is healed. The story is an echo of the struggles of conscience within the early Church.

## **hymns**

Processional: 457 The King of love

Gradual: 225 Give me the wings of faith

Offertory: 439 Praise to the holiest in the height

Post communion: 480 In Christ there is no East or West

Gloria: St George's Mass - Caesar

## **psalm 67. (8am service)**

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

## **5.30pm Evening Prayer**

Psalm 90

First Reading: 2 Kings 4. 1-37

Second Reading: Acts 16. 1-15

## **Sunday 23 August 2026 - Twelfth after Trinity (Year A)**

8.00am - Holy Communion (said)

9.30am - Parish Eucharist

12.00noon Baptism

5.30pm - Evening Prayer

### **Eucharist**

First reading: Isaiah 51. 1-6

Second reading: Romans 12. 1- 8

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-29

### **Evening Prayer**

2 Kings 6. 8-23

Acts 17. 15-end

# notices

The Curtis family would like to invite members of the congregation to attend Lola's baptism service today Sunday 16 August at 12noon. Please do attend if you are able.

**Living Well Foodbank** - We are a foodbank hub for Living Well Bromley. Food or financial donations may be left between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. We are seeking to increase food stocks to cope with the increased demand over the school holidays. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated. *Nigel and Anne*

**Friends of the Churchyard - Sunday 13 September 2026 2.30pm** - we will next meet on 13 September, if anyone can spare an hour or more to help please email the office or speak to Carol after the 9.30am service. Many thanks

We will be holding a **MacMillan fund-raising coffee morning** again this year on **Sat 26 Sept 9.30am to 10.45am** followed by a piano recital at 11.00am. Please spread the word and invite your friends.

**National Baby Loss Awareness week runs from 9th - 15th October** and Making Miracles holds their annual Big Knit at our Rochester Cathedral to continue that raising awareness locally for families within our Diocese. You are invited to attend this event from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Sat 10 Oct at the Cathedral bringing any newly knitted or crochet baby items to donate to the charity. In addition, for the first time for those in the West of the Diocese, St Luke's Church in Sevenoaks has offered to host the same event on the day before, so Friday 9th October again from 10:00am to 1:00pm, where Trustees from Making Miracles will also be there to tell people about their work. See poster and patterns on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

**A date for our diaries.** On 29 Dec 2026 at 11am, Janey and Ian (M) will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of vows service in St George's followed by refreshments. The congregation are all invited to attend. Please let the office know if you plan to attend as we shall need to confirm numbers for catering purposes by the end of Oct.

**Junior Church** are now on their summer break and will return in September. Activity sheets are available at the back of the church for young worshippers during the summer break.

# calendar

## Sunday 16 August Eleventh after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Eucharist  
12.00noon Baptism  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## Monday 17 August

*Feria*

9.00am Church open  
11.30am Craft and Chat  
group

## Tuesday 18 August

*Feria*

9.00am Church open

## Wednesday 19 August

*Feria*

9.00am Church open  
10.30am Holy Communion

## Thursday 20 August

*Barnard, abbot, teacher*

9.00am Church open

## Friday 21 August

*Feria*

12.30pm **No** music recital  
7.30pm Richard Thompson  
in concert.

## Saturday 22 August

*Feria*

11.00am Music Recital

## Monday to Friday

*The Peace Table has resources  
to reflect and pray for those  
in conflict.*

*'I will make them joyful in my house of prayer'*



## intercessions

For those who are sick  
Emma Allen  
Adah B. Broome  
Gill Clark  
Pam Carpenter  
Terry Carpenter  
Judi Chapman  
Sue Fielder  
Jack Heaton  
George Hetherington  
Jill Hollamby  
Alison Jones

Arlo Albert Patel (baby)  
Robert Powles  
Nick Sales  
Logan Searle (baby)  
Margaret Tonkin  
Rev Margaret Tremeer  
Benjamin Washington  
David Weston  
Deirdre Wingfield - Digby  
Gary Wilkins

For the Departed:

Joan Bell who died on 31 July 2026

## collect

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us  
such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

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