**Prayer Matters**

Those whose names are in the book placed on the Lady Chapel altar during services.

For Joan Clifford and family

Parish - those living in Dukes Orchard, Elmington Close

The work of Street Pastors.

Diocese - Tonbridge Archdeaconry The Venerable Andy Wooding Jones, Archdeacon

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Bexley Winter Night Shelter open until 28th March- its guests and volunteer staff.

For those living in poverty, and the Food Banks and other support agencies trying to help.

For our Government and our country as we prepare to leave the European Union.

**Dates ahead**.

6th Feb 10.00 am Standing Committee meeting at 43, Wansunt Road

7th Feb 11.00 am Hall Committee meeting in hall office

13th Feb Deanery Synod meeting at Holy Trinity, Lamorbey

3rd March 7.30 pm PCC meeting

6th March 10.30 am Women’s World Day of Prayer St John Fisher church.

28th March: 10.00 am-1.00 pm Work party in church-repairs and tidy up and enjoy coffee and doughnuts!

29th March 12 noon Hunger Lunch in Church Hall in support of Church Mission Society

*The minutes of the last PCC meeting have been approved and are now on the noticeboard. Please take a look at them and see which matters have been discussed. The PCC are your representatives. Any questions, please ask. Christine Wood PCC Secretary*

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 **Bexley Team Ministry **

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**SUNDAY 26th JANUARY**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23

**10.00 am** Family Service

Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

**12.30 pm** Baptism of Hollie Grace Taylor

*Matthew 4: 17 From that time Jesus began to preach his message: “Turn away from your sins, because the kingdom of heaven is near!”*

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles

the wonder of your saving presence;

renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness

sustain us by your mighty power;

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.

**ADDITIONAL COLLLECT**

God of all mercy

your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,

release to the captives,

and freedom to the oppressed:

anoint us with your Holy Spirit,

and set all your people free

to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Anniversary of Baptism: Thomas Samson 27.01.19

**This week**

**Wed 29th** 10.00 amHoly Communion CW at

**St James’ North Cray**

3.00 pm House group at 6, Clarendon Mews

Contact Rev. Gladys Atfield 551741

7.30 pm CTiOB committee meeting at Baldwyns Park Baptist Church

‘Bible for everyone’ not yet re-starting.

**Fri 31st** 7.00pmChoir practice

Clive helping on Licensed Lay Ministry formation programme Residential Weekend.

**SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5, Luke 2:22-40

**10.00 am** Holy Communion CW with prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

**6.00 pm** Choral Evensong for Candlemas at St John’s

**Extension Fund collecting jar**

A further £169-65 has been raised bringing the jar total so far to £4115-07. Thank you to all who have contributed in this way.

**Coaching for Readers**

John Bowerman is providing coaching for individuals or in small groups. This is suitable for Bible readers, intercessors and anyone who would like help with public reading at the lectern.

Contact John on 0208 303 5542 or john.bowerman@sky.com

**Bishop’s Study Day**

Saturday 29th February9.30 am to 4.00 pm at Christ Church Chislehurst. ‘Gathered and Scattered: Fruitfulness in the whole of life’ Details on noticeboard, please speak with Clive for further details/ lift. (closing date for booking 14th Feb)

**Confirmations**

Sidcup Deanery Confirmations have now been set for Ascension Day (21st May). If you, or someone you know may be interested in Confirmation (adult or child) please let Clive know.

**Bexley Foodbank**

We are now collecting for Bexley Foodbank.

Please place food and toiletry items in the box in the cross aisle- see list on box and at back of church.

**Diaries and calendars**

Now on sale at back of church, all proceeds to extension fund.

 **Jobs vacant page**

Churchwarden, gardeners, crucifer. Help on refreshment and sidespersons rotas. First –aider

**Pastoral visits and Home Communion**

Please let the Vicar or Christine Wood (LLM) know if you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit or would welcome a visit to receive Holy Communion.

 **SOCIAL EVENTS**

 **Leap Year Quiz Night**

29th February 7.00 pm Church Hall

Tables of six £5 per person

Contact Sheila Thompson 01322 522071 or Barbara Graham 0208 308 0872

**An evening with the Gibbons Ensemble**

14th March 7.00 pm in Church

A fun evening of light musical entertainment. Tickets £5 includes small glass of wine and nibbles

Tickets from Marion Smith/ Chris Kirk

**Day trip to the Tulip Festival at Pashley Manor Gardens**

 25th April 10.00 am to 4.15 pm (approx)

£27 per person includes entrance fee, coach travel and gratuities

Contact Christine Rawlinson 07576 852637 crawlinson22@yahoo.co.uk