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St Elphege's Catholic Church

Sunday 22nd February 2026

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: In this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the terminally ill, the lonely, the homeless and the unborn; that the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them... Amen

Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

Sun 22 First Sunday of Lent (A) Next Week's Collection CAFOD	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Repose of the Soul of Flora D'COSTA Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP) Satheeskumar (RIP); SCOUT FOUNDERS DAY Allen ROOKE (RIP)	Keith & Loretta Sushma Val Anita
Mon 23 Feria	8:30am 10am	Edmund DUAH (B'day Thanksgiving) Christian HAWKES (RIP)	Ravi
Tue 24 Feria	8:30am 10:00am 7:15pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers Savitri CHARLES (Thanksgiving) People of the Parish	Savi Parish
Wed 25 Feria	8:30am 10.00 am 10.30 am to 7 pm	Lelana LEGERE (Birthday Thanksgiving) Satheeskumar (RIP) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Stacy Ranji
Thu 26 Feria	8:30am 10 am	Prayer for Expectant Mothers Satheeskumar (RIP)	Sandra
Fri 27 Feria	8:30am 10 am 10.30 am-noon 6:30pm	Prayer for peace in the world Repose of the Soul of Thomas PEREIRA Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Lenten Talk (Fr John Howard)	Teddy
Sat 28 Feria	10.00am 10.30am to 11.45am 5.15pm to 5.45pm 6:00pm	FHC Mass Reconciliation Reconciliation Repose of the Soul of Jovino D'COSTA	Keith
Sun 1 st March Second Sunday of Lent (A)	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	UCM John GRANT (RIP) Satheeskumar	Ravi Val Anita

In our thoughts and prayers - Please pray for our fellow parishioners especially the sick, the isolated, and their carers within our parish community:

Jackie Van Elswick	Rosemary Day	Kosenat Tetteh	Giovanna Wiafe	Terry Harper	David Uzor
Therese Mittcosbe	Margaret O'Flaherty	Frank Kinsella	Thomas Pereira	John Strentz	Susie King
Pathmini Soosai	Diana Camilleri	Doreen Charlish	Grace Quansah	Mendonca	Monir Jacob
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	Aubrey Jiggins	Mrs Rosa Faleiro	

Those who died recently... and those whose anniversaries occur now. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Notices

SCOUT GROUP

Founders Day is a special celebration for us in the Scouting world. On 22nd February every year, millions of Scouts around the world gather at local, national and international levels to celebrate Founder's Day. It is the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell (1857-1941), the pioneer of Scouting.

MASS BOOK CYCLE (A)

The New Mass Books for cycle A are available for purchase. It is £5 per copy. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE SACRAMENTS

You are warmly invited to join our Bible Study series on the Sacraments, directed by the St. Paul Centre (USA). All the questions you have ever asked about the Sacraments will be explored and answered by leading biblical scholar Scott Hahn.

Starting **Monday, 9 March 2026 (every Monday thereafter); 7:00 – 8:30 pm.** Come and deepen your understanding of the Sacraments through Scripture and faith-filled teaching. All are welcome!

LENTEN TALKS 2026 – YOU ARE INVITED

During the holy season of Lent, we will be hosting a series of Lenten Talks presented by various guest speakers. These talks will take place every Friday throughout the Lenten period.

Our second talk will be delivered by Fr John Howard on **Friday, 27th February 2026, at 6:30 PM in the church.**

We warmly invite all parishioners, friends, and non-Catholics to join us for these spiritually enriching and fruitful teachings as we journey together through this sacred season.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March | 1:30 pm (In Our Parish)

All are warmly invited to pray with the women of Nigeria as they reflect on Jesus' invitation: "I will give you rest, come."

Pupils from St Elphege's and St Philomena's schools will take part. The Mayor of Sutton and the local MP will be attending. Light refreshments will follow in Ellis Hall.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement praying for a different country each year.

More info: www.wwdp.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday 20th, immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass.

This devotion will continue throughout the Lenten period on: **Wednesdays at 7:15 PM**

Fridays after the 10:00 AM Mass

We warmly encourage all parishioners to attend and take part in this important Lenten devotion as we reflect prayerfully on the Passion of Christ. May this sacred season be a time of grace and renewal for us all.

Pilgrimage 2026 – Have You Signed Up Yet?

Have you added your name to the pilgrimage list? Places are filling up fast, and once we reach our cap, we will not be able to accept any more bookings!

Do not miss out on this beautiful opportunity to journey in faith and fellowship.

Three inspiring destinations to choose from:

- Lourdes
- Knock
- Rome

Whether you are seeking healing, renewal, or simply time away with God, there is a place waiting for you. Add your name before it is too late! When the list is full, it is full.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED Weekend 8th to 10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, RH1 4SB.

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings that encourage participants to face the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mary on 07730 884315 or email: BeginningExperience.soe@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation residential weekend course, 13 - 15 March 2026

The CHC's weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for personal and couple reflection, group discussion, and a social.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

Please note that from January 2026, Baptisms will be scheduled twice a month on Saturdays, during the 1st and 3rd weeks. The Baptism Preparation Course will remain unchanged and continue to be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Thank you for your attention to this update.

ST ELPHEGE'S CHURCH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME Led by Elaine Paice and Fr Patrick Dominic Udotai

08 OCTOBER 2026 3 nights (4 DAYS) £899 per person sharing » Direct return flights from London Gatwick to Rome return » 10kg bags included (20kg optional at extra cost £60 per bag) » All transfers & tours by private coach » 3 nights at - Casa per Ferie Santa Maria alle Fornaci - Half Board » Breakfast & Dinner included each day » Full religious programme led by Spiritual Director » Fully guided with tours and visits as per itinerary » Optional: travel insurance £79 up to 79 years; £129 from 80 to 90 years » Single supplement £35 per night For information, please contact: Elaine Paice +44 (0) 7971 624952 Or Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890468.

PARISH OF ST ELPHEGE'S PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK LED BY FR PATRICK DOMINIC UDOTAI 20 - 24 JULY 2026

A wonderful four-night Pilgrimage to Knock departing from London Heathrow. Package includes: Four nights half board accommodation at the Knock House Hotel, Airport transfers, one day excursion to Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick and Turlough House Daily Masses Comprehensive travel insurance (Book early to avoid increase in flight cost) Price per person - £899 (based on sharing a twin/double room) Single room supplement - £110 for the duration (limited number available) Please contact Elaine at the Parish or Clare at Tangney Tours for a booking form (clare@tangney-tours.com) www.tangney-tours.com - 01732 886666.

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

St Elphege Church, Wallington, is organising a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from Thursday 7th May – Monday 11th May 2026.

This pilgrimage offers parishioners an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and fellowship in one of the most sacred Marian shrines in the world.

Travel & Accommodation Details:

- Direct flight from Stansted to Lourdes
- Transfers on arrival to hotel in Lourdes
- 4 nights Full Board accommodation
 - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included
- Transfer from the hotel to Lourdes Airport for the return flight

Cost: £799.00 per person (sharing a double room); Single room supplement: £39.00 per day

Please note: Coach transfer from St Elphege's Church to Stansted Airport is not included.

Further details, booking information, and payment arrangements will be provided shortly.

For expressions of interest, please get in touch with Elaine Paice at

wallingtonpilo@rcaos.org.uk or the Parish Office@wallington@rcaos.org.uk

Gift Aid Reminder

We encourage all parishioners who have not yet signed up for Gift Aid to pick up a form from the church foyer. Through Gift Aid, the church can reclaim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate – at no additional cost to you! It is a simple way to make your offering go even further and greatly support our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEWSLETTER SICK LIST

As per the diocese's regulations, anyone wishing to have their name added to the newsletter sick list is kindly requested to contact the parish office. A form must be completed to process the request. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE

We kindly remind every parishioner to ensure they are registered with the parish. The registration link can be found on the parish website's homepage (stelpheges.co.uk). We want to reach out to those individuals who have registered for various activities in the church but may not have been active recently. An email will be sent to you to check and encourage your continued involvement. If we do not hear back from you and do not receive any updates regarding your circumstances, we may need to remove your name from our records. Thank you for your understanding and your assistance in keeping our records accurate is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Other notices



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". The 2025 Jubilee will begin in Advent 2024 and will run until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026. In the parish, we shall emphasise and encourage more prayer groups and pilgrimages within and outside the country. We will soon announce activities for the Jubilee Year in the parish and encourage everyone to participate. Thank you.

CARD PAYMENTS

Attention all parishioners, we would like to inform you that a contactless machine is available for all transactions at the entry and exit foyers of the church. In the event of a system failure, you can visit the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk) and click on the "Donate to the Parish" option to make a payment. Thank you.
