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St Elphege's Catholic Church

Sunday 8th March 2026

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death...
Amen

Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

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| Sun 8 March Third Sunday of Lent (A) | 6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm | Deceased Members of the PEREIRA Family Lorne MARSH (RIP) Rajan ROYAN (Birthday Thanksgiving) Ibiala BEN-EJETE (B'day Thanksgiving) | Keith Terry Jayden Ibiala |
| Mon 9 Feria | 8:30am 10am | Prayer for Retired Priests Prayer for the unborn children | Susan Parish |
| Tue 10 Feria | 8:30am 10:00am 7:15pm | Peace around the world Expectant Mothers People of the Parish | Deepa Dydney Parish |
| Wed 11 Feria | 8:30am 10.00 am 10.30 am to 7 pm 7:30pm | Fr Patrick & Fr Charles (Private Intentions) Repose of the Soul of Baby Alfred Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross | Agnes |
| Thu 12 Feria | 8:30am 10 am | Godwin, Julie & Omoye (Family Liberation) March Celebrants (B'day Thanksgiving) | Asifa Frances |
| Fri 13 Feria | 8:30am 10 am 10:30 10.30 am-noon 6:30pm | Babylena BRUCIANI (RIP) Felista EZEH (Divine Intervention) Stations of the Cross Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Lenten Talks (Fr Buhruz Rafat) | Sarita |
| Sat 7 Feria | 10.00am 10.30am to 11.45am 5.15pm to 5.45pm 6:00pm | Joel RENJEEV (Thanksgiving) Reconciliation Reconciliation Robert POWDERHAM (RIP) | Rejeev MARY |
| Sun 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) | 9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon | Michael Bernard ROSAIRO (RIP) | |

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

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| 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

APRIL BORN

All parishioners born in April should kindly send their contact number to the WhatsApp number 079-2767-0539

PILGRIMAGE

Please check the posters and select your preferred trip. Spaces are limited for each trip, so once a trip is full, it will no longer be available.

We would like to sincerely thank all our March-born members for organising and hosting such a wonderful birthday celebration. Your effort, generosity, and spirit of fellowship made the occasion truly joyful and memorable.

We would also like to take this opportunity to clarify for all parishioners that the monthly birthday celebrations are organised by members born in each respective month. Every month, those celebrating their birthdays voluntarily come together to make contributions and plan the celebration as a group.

Please note that these monthly birthday celebrations are not sponsored or funded by the church. They are a collective initiative of the celebrants themselves, aimed at promoting unity, thanksgiving, and fellowship within the parish community. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Dear Parents

The next Church Children's Activity Club will be on **Saturday 14 March**. It will be in the church hall. The theme will be around "Mothering Sunday" and the activities will focus on mothers. There is a change of time – Saturday 14th March @ **10:30am to 1:30pm**

Family Way of the Cross – Saturday 14th March 2026 at 4:30 pm

Join us for this year's Family Way of the Cross as we reflect together on Christ's Passion in a way that is meaningful and accessible for children and families. All are warmly invited to attend.

Calling all children and young people! We welcome everyone who would like to participate, whether your talent is in speaking, singing, drama, or music. There is a place for everyone. **Rehearsal: Saturday 7th March 2026 at 5:00 pm, St Elphege's RC Church (Hall – TBC)**
For more information or to get involved, please get in touch with Stacy. We look forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – YOUNG ADULTS ENCOURAGED!

We are calling on volunteers, especially our young adults, to assist with setting up and packing away food for those in need in our community. **Saturday, 28th March – Setup at 6:00 PM; Sunday, 29th March – Pack away at 12:30 PM**

If you are willing to help, please write your name on the list in the church foyer.


Let's come together to serve and make a difference in our community!

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!

St Elphege Food Support Service

 Serving with love. Sharing with dignity.

Opening Sunday 29th March 2026

 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Extending God's care to our community. All are welcome.

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

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.

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.

MASS BOOK CYCLE (A)

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

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.