



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

No. 200 November 2025



Singing Workshop

On Sunday 5th October, our talented choir member, James Bones, led a singing workshop for people who may be interested in joining the choir, along with those already in it who wanted to learn more. James took them through various exercises and explained some of the simple science behind both the mechanics of singing and how music works. Current members of the choir agreed that they learned a lot, even if they had been singing in it for years, and expressed their intention to apply this to make their singing better. Most of the attendees were new, which is a positive sign for the future of the choir. James hopes to follow this successful beginning with further workshops.

WhatsApp Cleaning, Flowers and Church Maintenance Group

A WhatsApp group has been set up to organise a regular clean of the church before the Sunday Liturgy. This is normally done on a Saturday, but can be done any day of the week. The same WhatsApp group is being used for coordinating the flowers in the church and as well as maintenance and groundwork to be done around the church and churchyard. Thanks are also due to our dear church trustee Sergiu Sacaliuc who did some maintenance on the church, clearing the gutters and sealing around the windows in the porch as well as repairing the North door. If you would like to be added to the new group, please ask Tatiana Blana or Fr Mark.

SGOIS Christmas Cards

The St George Orthodox Information Service has a wide selection of Christmas cards available. These can be seen in the narthex of the church or can be ordered online through the following [link](#).

Cardiff parish appeal

The [ROCOR Parish of the Kazan Ikon of the Theotokos](#) in Cardiff is launching a major appeal to raise funds for a permanent church building in the Welsh capital. Under their Rector, our dear friend, Hieromonk Mark (Underwood), the parish is very active with a growing number of parishioners and converts and is thus in desperate need of its own premises. Please consider making a donation to their dedicated [Gofundme page](#).

Online Inquirer Course starting soon

Fr Mark will be launching an online Inquirer course on Monday evenings starting **Monday 10th November at 8pm**. Over the course of approximately 6 sessions the group will work through the first part of Archimandrite Meletios (Webber's) *Bread, Water, Wine and Oil: An Orthodox Christian Experience of God*. If you are curious about Orthodoxy and would like to join, please contact Fr Mark - marktattumsmith@gmail.com / 07592482732.

Patronal Festival and Founder's Day with Visit of the Kursk Ikon

Once again, a reminder of our Patronal Feast for the Ikon of the Theotokos: “Joy of All Who Sorrow” will take place on **Thursday 6th November**, preceded by the All-Night Vigil the previous evening at 6.30pm. Then, on Friday 14th November Fr Mark will collect the Wonderworking Kursk Root Ikon from Walsingham and after home visits throughout the day will bring the Ikon to our church in Mettingham at 8pm for a Moleben. The next day we will celebrate Founder's Day on **Saturday 15th November**, the 15th anniversary of the repose of Mary Bond, our foundress with a very special Divine Liturgy in front of the Holy Kursk Ikon.



PARISH & COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE IKON OF THE THEOTOKOS:
“JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW”

NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 1st November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 2nd November

(Great Martyr Artemius)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 5th November

6.30pm ~ All-Night Vigil for the Mother of God ‘Joy of All Who Sorrow’

Thursday 6th November

PATRONAL FEAST

Ikon of the Theotokos: “Joy of All Who Sorrow”

10.10am ~ Hours & Festal Liturgy

Saturday 8th November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 9th November

(Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 12th November

7.30pm ~ Moleben to the Mother of God, ‘Joy of All Who Sorrow’

Friday 14th November

8pm ~ Moleben with Akathist to the Kursk Root Ikon

Saturday 15th November

(FOUNDER’S DAY)

10.10am ~ Hours & Requiem Liturgy before the Kursk Root Ikon

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 16th November

(Martyr Acepsumus and Company & St Winifred of Holywell)

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 19th November

7.30pm ~ Moleben to the Mother of God, ‘Joy of All Who Sorrow’

Saturday 22nd November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 23rd November

(Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion, and those with them)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 26th November

7.30pm ~ Panikhida with Prayer to St Varus

Saturday 29th November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 30th November

(St Gregory the Wonderworker & St Hilda of Whitby)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

For all other services and pastoral needs including baptism, marriage, molebens and panikhidas,
please contact Priest Mark Tattum-Smith on: 07592482732 or Email: marktattumsmith@gmail.com