

Notices :

Ash Wednesday will see a Sung Eucharist at 12h00. There will also be a short Zoom Penitential Service (approx. 15 mins) to begin Lent if you are caught between work and curfew!

Lent at St George's in a time of Pandemic

Monday		Lenten Reflection via email
Tuesday	19h00	Lenten Study Group
Wednesday	19h00	Stations of the Cross via Zoom
Thursday	19h00	Lenten Study Group

The Lent Book will be **A Cross in the Heart of God : Reflections on the death of Jesus** by The Rev'd Sam Wells (ISBN 9781786222930). The Canterbury Press Lent book for 2021 focuses on the significance of the story at the very centre of Christianity: the crucifixion. Samuel Wells writes as a theologian and pastor to explore the cross in the purposes of God and how this act brings about salvation. Three sections, each with six short chapters, explore the cross in: the Old Testament (Covenant, Test, Passover, Atonement, Servant, Sacrifice); the Epistles (Forgiveness, Obedience, Foolishness, Example, Reconciliation, Boast); the Gospels (Finished, Judged, Betrayed, Pierced, Forsaken, Mocked). Written with characteristic clarity and wearing its considerable learning lightly, A Cross at the Heart of God will give readers a comprehensive understanding of the story at the heart of scripture, the central event in history and a core tenet of the Christian faith.

In 2024 we celebrate our 200th Anniversary. The Church Council has asked for volunteers to form a Committee to organise the celebrations: a 'civic' service to which we'll invite Ambassadors, etc., a celebration of the role of St George's in ecumenical relations and a 'family' celebration. There will be concerts and eating and drinking but all of this needs to be planned around the Olympics! If you'd like to be involved please put your name on the list on the Landing Table.

The Theology Book Club this term will be reading:

The Ballad of Reading Gaol, by Oscar Wilde, on Thursday 18th February 20h30

My Name is Asher Lev, by Chaim Potok, on Thursday 18th March

The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov on Thursday 15th April

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Gourbault, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Amy Linton, Mirentxu Le Maire, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Clair Jones. All who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

Ash Wednesday : 17th February 2021

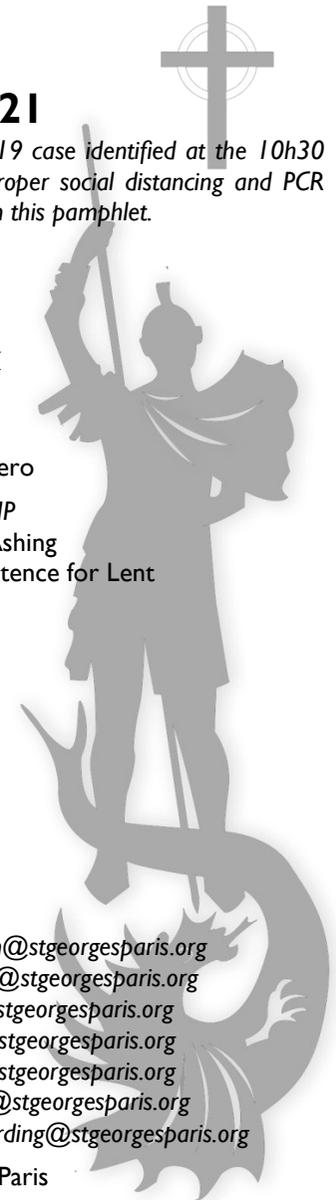
A warm welcome to St George's online worship —due to a Covid-19 case identified at the 10h30 Eucharist on Sunday we've suspended public worship to enable proper social distancing and PCR testing. However, everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet.

Sunday 7th	Sunday next before Lent 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Eucharist
Monday 8th	Sigfrid, bishop; Thomas Bray, fdr SPCK
Tuesday 9th	Shrove Tuesday 1830 Eucharist 1900 Chaplaincy Zoom Apero
Wednesday 10th	Ash Wednesday NO PUBLIC WORSHIP 1200 Sung Eucharist with Ashing 1900 Zoom Service of Penitence for Lent
Thursday 11th	Lenten Feria 1800 Evensong 1830 Eucharist
Friday 12th	Lenten Feria
Saturday 13th	Lenten Feria NO PUBLIC WORSHIP 1200 Eucharist
Sunday 14th	Sunday next before Lent 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Eucharist

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Greeting

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.**

We hear a reading from Scripture before and after the Psalm.

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"'

The psalm follows the first reading and we use this response

**Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

This is love, not that we loved God
but that he loved us and sent us his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.

If we love one another
God lives in us.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen. We remain standing to pray together

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

*As we prepare for Holy Communion we say the **Agnus Dei**.*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The celebrant invites the people to Communion

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.**

Watching from home you may like to use the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.
As though you were already there I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit;
Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing
of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; you take no delight in burnt offerings.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we
entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to
be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in
vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of
salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of
salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found
with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every
way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings,
imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience,
kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with
the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and
dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are
true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as
punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making
many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

After the second reading, we herald the Gospel

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
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Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then
you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 'So whenever you give alms, do not
sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the
streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received
their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right
hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in
secret will reward you. 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for
they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they
may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But
whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father
who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever
you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to
show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.
But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may

be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon

Act of Penitence and Ashing

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father; **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Trinity of love, **have mercy on us.**

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Lord, have mercy.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you, Lord...

all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people.

Lord, have mercy.

Our anger at our own frustration
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

Lord, have mercy.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

Lord, have mercy.

Our negligence in prayer and worship
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

Lord, have mercy.

Accept our repentance, Lord...

for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
that we may show your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Silence is kept.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and we say the Sanctus.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

+ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.