

## Notices :

### 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:

**My Name is Asher Lev**, by Chaim Potok, on Thursday 18th March 20h30

**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 Goubault, 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

## Lent I : 21st 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.

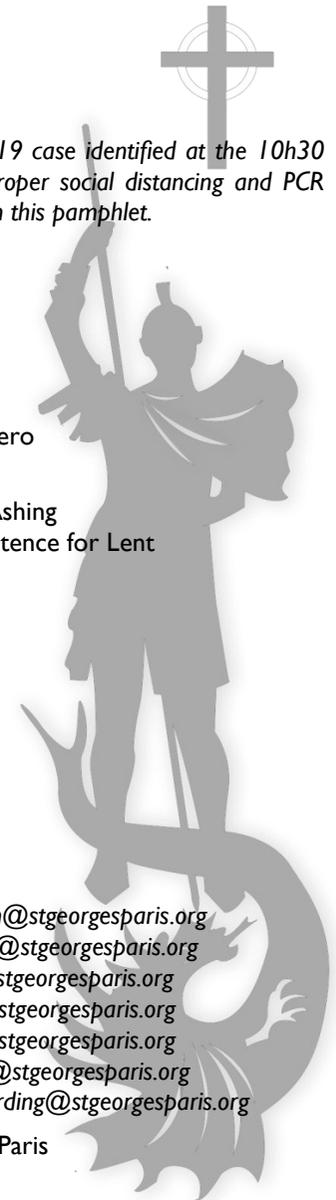
Sunday 21st	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist
Monday 22nd	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	
Tuesday 23rd	<i>Polycarp, bishop</i>	
	1830	Eucharist
	1900	Chaplaincy Zoom Apero
Wednesday 24th	<i>Ember Day</i>	
	1200	Sung Eucharist with Ashing
	1900	Zoom Service of Penitence for Lent
Thursday 25th	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	
	1800	Evensong
	1830	Eucharist
Friday 26th	<i>Ember Day</i>	
Saturday 27th	<i>George Herbert, priest, Ember Day</i>	
	1200	Eucharist
Sunday 28th	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	
	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.**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison, **kyrie eleison**, kyrie eleison.

**Christe eleison**, christe eleison, **christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison, **kyrie eleison**, kyrie eleison.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God



*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.*

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

*The psalm (psalm 25) follows the first reading and we use this response*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; ♦  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.  
Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.  
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦  
for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, ♦  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.  
Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.  
He will guide the humble in doing right ♦  
and teach his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ♦  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### **Second Reading: I Peter 3:18-22**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*After the second reading, we herald the Gospel*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

#### **Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Sermon  
Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Robert and David our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide Queen Elizabeth II and the President of France; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, George the Martyr and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
† Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

*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.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us 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.**