

Lenten ‘Spiritual MOT’ - un contrôle technique spirituel pour le Carême! A chance to talk to any one of a team of experienced male or female, lay and ordained accompaniers here at St George’s about your prayer life—what goes on for you with God. Simply email your choice to make an appointment : Rev’d Elisabeth, deanenfrance@gmail.com; Fr Grant wenlockholmes@gmail.com; Fr Jeffrey drjphjohn@gmail.com; Fr Mark chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org; Fr Nicolas, rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com; Sonia Taylor, soniataylor146@gmail.com

The Lent Course this year is online. All are welcome to join on Tuesdays at 20h00—a link will be sent via our e-newsletter. We recently enjoyed a really good taster day and are keen to ensure you don’t lose this fantastic opportunity to deepen and sharpen your faith.

Make the Stations of the Cross by Zoom every Thursday in Lent (starting 10th March) at 20h00. This is a short devotional meditation, with hymns, on the stages of Jesus’ journey to the Cross. A link will be sent via the e-news weekly or you can email Fr Jeffrey directly.

Recommendations for Lenten Reading in 2022—Please order for yourselves online.

Embracing Justice (The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2022) by Isabelle Hamley (978-0-281-08654-2) which offers a serious-minded exploration of the different stories of justice in the Bible. **The Hour is Come: Passion in real time** (978-1-78622-396-8) is by Fr Andrew Nunn and is for personal use—a real time reflection on Holy Week. **Women of Holy Week: An Easter journey in nine stories** (978-1-78140-289-4) is by the renowned lay theologian Paula Gooder with Ally Barrett, illustrator. Here are 9 monologues in the voices of those often on the margin of the story of Holy Week and Easter in which Gooder brings her trademark popular appeal underwritten by solid scholarship. **Cries for a**

Lost Homeland: Reflections on Jesus’ sayings from the cross Guli Francis-Dehqani (978-1-78622-383-8) is a slim but profound book of addresses on the 7 Last Words woven with reflections on her own extraordinary story of an Iranian Anglican family.

The Theology Book Club is an opportunity to look at some favourite novels and poems through the eyes of faith. The group meets online on the last Thursday of each month at 20h30. We’re reading the following for the next few months:

Ash Wednesday by TS Eliot on the 31st **March**

There will be no Book Club in April due to Holy Week and Easter

A Clergyman’s Daughter by George Orwell on 19th **May**

The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L Sayers on 30th **June**

You can lie on the beach and immerse yourself in a good book during August...

The Way We Live Now by Anthony Trollope on 29th **September**

On Beauty by Zadie Smith, ISBN 978-0-141-01945-1, on 27th **October**

The Towers of Trebizond by Rose Macaulay on 24th **November**

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Janet Birkins, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, John Cooper, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Goubault, Angela Harrisson, Irene Hicks, Ernest Jeyam, Juliette and Antoine-Gabriel, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Giulia Miles, Rosemary Neale, Kenneth Nyakana, Rev’d David Osborne, Marion Rushworth, Grace Valéry, Fr Alan Warren, David Wetsel, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul. **Those who have died:** Yvette Hugot, Margaret da Prati, Mary Berg, Nicole Sevignon, Ben Eaton (priest), Norrie Castle : All who have died of Covid-19.

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St George’s Paris

3rd Sunday of Lent : 20th March 2022

A warm welcome to St George’s worship—online or in person. Everything you need for today’s service you’ll find in this pamphlet—**please note the seasonal changes.** Today the choir sings the **Missa a 4 voci da capella** by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) and the motet during Communion will be **Vox in Rama** by Mikolaj Zielinski (1550-1615).

	3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday 20th	0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel: JJ 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel: NR Pr: JJ 1130 Caen Eucharist Cel: MO
Monday 21st	Thomas Cranmer, martyr 1800 Evensong 1830 Eucharist
Tuesday 22nd	Lenten Feria 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 23rd	Lenten Feria 1200 Eucharist 1800/1815 Evensong & Exposition
Thursday 24th	Walter Hilton, mystic; Paul Courturier, ecumenist; Oscar Romero, martyr 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 25th	Annunciation of the Lord
Saturday 26th	Harriet Monsell, rel. fdr. 1200 Eucharist
Sunday 27th	4th Sunday of Lent—Laetare or Mothering Sunday 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel: MO 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel: MO Pr: MO 1130 Caen Eucharist Cel; GH

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (NEH 445):

**Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling:
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown, See thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.**

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 celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together.

**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. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 414).

**O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!**

**Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, And worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave in the silence.

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

May God the... **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Notices :

There is a Parish Lunch today. Cost 10€ payable over coffee. Our coordinator, Ryan Spooner, will be very happy to talk to you about signing up to offer a course or two for lunch on Sunday.

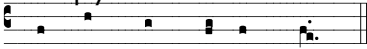
Gifts for Ukraine will be managed by Pamela Hamilton here at Church. The Ukrainian Embassy have asked: Au niveau des apports en nature, sachez que les associations sont débordées de textile et **plus aucun vêtement n'est accepté.** Cependant, des vivres et des fournitures médicales sont toujours nécessaires de toute urgence. **Les besoins les plus urgents comprennent:** articles de toilette : gels douche, dentifrices et brosses, couches et serviettes, essuie-tout, antiseptique, alcool, masques réutilisables et jetables ; articles ménagers: piles, bougies, torches; alimentation: eau, aliments instantanés, barres énergétiques, fruits secs, noix, conserves, pâtes, céréales instantanées. For more information contact Pamela on 06 70 42 68 08 or phamiltonpam@yahoo.fr .

A Fundraising Dinner for Ukraine will be held on Saturday 9th April 19h00. The cost will be 20€ per head and includes 3 courses and a glass of wine. The evening will begin around the piano singing favourites from Gilbert & Sullivan, 'Hearts of Oak', etc. To reduce printing tickets can be reserved from office@stgeorgesparis.org or you can pick them up in person. Why not bring along friends to help support Ukraine.

La FFKM France et ses chorales vous invitent à assister au Concert Spirituel—au profit des sinistres de Madagascar. Samedi 26 mars a 17h00 à l'église du Bon Pasteur, 179 rue de Charonne, 75011. Entrée libre/ une offrande sera collectée.

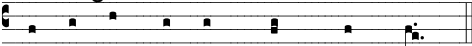
Fundraising for St George's : Muna Mba wants to give back to her church community and raise funds at the same time by baking. Using the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25.14-30) as her inspiration she'll be selling baked goodies **next Sunday 27th March** after the 10h30 Solemn Eucharist (remember Sunday's don't count as a part of Lent and if you still feel guilty you need to book a Spiritual MOT!).

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 the choirs sing 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.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

As we prepare for Holy Communion the choir sings 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.*

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.

During this emergency Holy Communion will be given in its fullness in the Bread alone. All who are baptised and communicant members of one of the Christian churches are welcome to receive communion with us. Those who are prevented from doing so by their conscience, or the discipline of their Church, are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing at the time of communion. If you are reading this at 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.*

forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

We remain seated as the choir sing the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 63.1-9).

*O God, thou art my God * early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee * in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness * that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself * my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner * and lift up my hands in thy Name. My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips. Have I not remembered thee in my bed * and thought upon thee when I was waking? Because thou hast been my helper * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hangeth upon thee * thy right hand hath upholden me.*

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 282).

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me Where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer To the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer, May I love thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure, Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me To thy promised rest.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Creed

You will find the Creed (de Angelis) on the accompanying sheet.

We believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

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

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace without touching—please use the Namaste or a bow of the head (a smile is really good too!). Our financial offering will be brought up by the Sidespeople from the Landing table. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 374).

**How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest.**

**Dear Name! the rock on which we build, My shield and hiding-place;
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.**

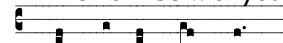
**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name Refresh my soul in death.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and al-so with you.