

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.

Fundraising for St George's : Muna Mba's baking will start after Lent!

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

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 Harisson, 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, all who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

4th Sunday of Lent : 27th 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 **Ruralmesse n°3** by Prague-born Robert Führer (1807-61) and two short motets during Communion **Non nobis Domine** and **Lauda anima mea Dominum.**

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
Monday 28th	<i>Thomas Cranmer, martyr</i>
	1800 Evensong
	1830 Eucharist
Tuesday 29th	<i>Lenten Feria</i>
	0915 Morning Prayer
	1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 30th	<i>Lenten Feria</i>
	1200 Eucharist
	1800/1815 Evensong & Exposition
Thursday 31st	<i>John Donne, priest, poet.</i>
	0915 Morning Prayer
	1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 1st	<i>Frederick Denison Maurice, priest, teacher</i>
Saturday 2nd	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
	1200 Eucharist
Sunday 3rd	5th Sunday of Lent—Passion Sunday
	0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel: GH
	1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel: MO Pr: GH
	1130 Caen Eucharist Cel; ED

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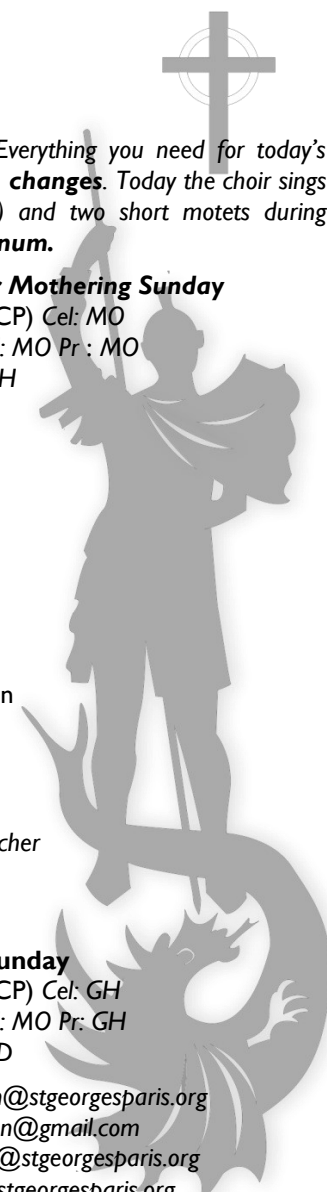
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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (NEH 413):

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore**

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

The Lord 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.

Greeting

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.**

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: I Samuel 1:20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour,

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.

Easter Flowers will be splendid—our traditional collection will happen at the end of the Eucharist next week and on Palm Sunday.

Fr Mark would like to thank everyone for their best wishes on his birthday last week!

We want to produce another Newsletter at Pentecost this year (5th June). Please send all contributions to the Newsletter to John Crothers by Sunday 22nd May.

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 ou phamiltonpam@yahoo.fr .

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.*

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 239).

and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

We remain seated as the choir sing the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 127.1-4).

*Except the Lord build the house * their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the city * the watchman waketh but in vain. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness * for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant * even so are the young children. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them * they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 285).

**For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:
Lord of all to Thee we raise This our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light:**

**For the joy of ear and eye; For the ear and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:**

**For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**For each perfect gift of thine, To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.**

**For thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore This pure sacrifice of love.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so

that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

Please be seated for the sermon.

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.

Sermon

Creed

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. We may now shake hands but please be aware your neighbour might not want to do so! 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 137).

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become my inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing:**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

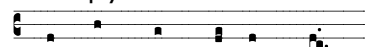
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



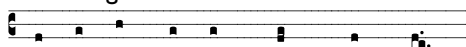
and al-so with you.

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.