

Notices :

Lunch is happening again at St George's! The sign up list for Easter Lunch is available. We are also looking forward to St George's Day—Saturday 23rd April—after a Eucharist at 10h30 our preacher will be The Ven. Edward Dowler. **Please sign up for that lunch!**

Easter Flowers will be splendid—donations gratefully received.

Donations of champagne for **our Easter celebrations will be gratefully received.**

Marion Rushworth's funeral will be held here on Tuesday 19th April at 14h00. There will be a reception here after the Eucharist and the family hope that mourners will stay for a refreshments.

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 Electoral Roll is available to join this morning. If you'd like to become a voting member of the congregation please sign up—or check that you are already on the list. The Church of England has no 'membership' but this is part of our synodal government.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation with God and neighbour is available before Easter. 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;

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:

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

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, Elizabeth Durand, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Gourbault, 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, Cyril Valéry, 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:** Yves Strobele, Yvette Hugot, Margaret da Prati, Ivan Betts (priest), Marion Rushworth, all who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

Good Friday : 15th April 2022

A warm welcome to St George's. Today's liturgy is one of the most ancient in the Church's repertoire, with its roots very clearly in the synagogue tradition with which Jesus himself would have been familiar. It is austere in the extreme - unaccompanied singing, stark ceremonial and a simplicity which is almost brutal. We listen to the scriptures, culminating in St John's account of the Passion.

A cross is brought in, which we are invited to accept symbolically into our own lives during the Veneration. We recognise the cosmic contradiction whereby the instrument of Jesus's torture and death becomes the means for us of life and joy. All Christian liturgy is conducted in the light of the resurrection, but remembering that we are in fact, in one extended liturgy during Holy Week, the intercessions are followed by a deliberately incomplete sign of communion.

We do not celebrate the Eucharist today, but we receive Holy Communion in the form of bread only, the same eucharistic presence alongside which the Watch was kept last evening, so keeping in mind Christ's declaration that he would not drink from the fruit of the vine until he drank it again new in the Kingdom.

*Today the choir will sing the **Passion, Reproaches and Improperia** by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) and the motet during Communion will be **Adoramus te Christe** by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643).*

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Please keep silence in church before the Liturgy of the Day. The clergy and servers enter and prostrate in silence. The Opening Prayer begins immediately after which we sit for the Liturgy of the Word.

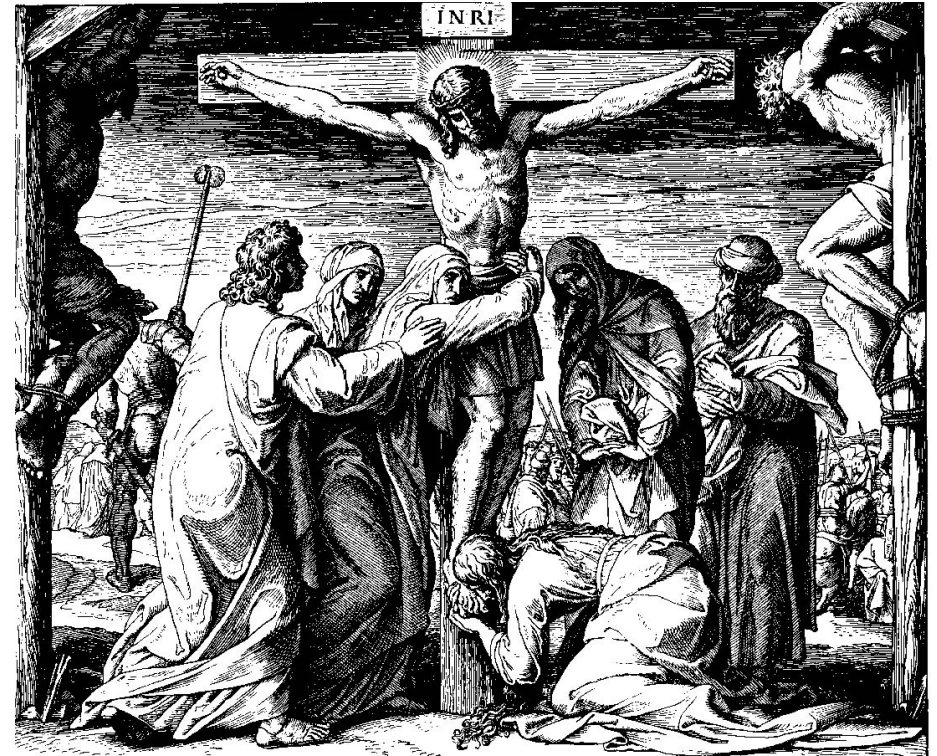
Opening Prayer

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.



Please remain seated for the hymn (NEH 90) :

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn:
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn;
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflow'r?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore!**

**Thy beauty, long desired,
Hath vanished from our sight:
Thy power is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of thy face.**

**In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry.
With thee for my salvation**

Holy Week 2022 : April 10th—17th

Friday 15th	Good Friday	
	0915	Mattins
	1200	Stations of the Cross—livestreamed
	1930	Liturgy of the Day & Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 16th	Holy Saturday	
	0915	Mattins
	1830	Evensong
	2000	Vigil and First Eucharist of the Resurrection <i>followed by champagne reception</i>
Sunday 17th	Easter Day	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
	1030	Solemn Eucharist and Holy Baptism
	1130	Caen Eucharist Cel : GH
	1630	Messe Malgache Cel : NR Pr : NR

Our preacher this year is the Fr Jeffrey John. All addresses can be found online.

To the Trinity be glory,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in love and one in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin 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 I shall be healed.**

During Communion the choir sings Adoramus te by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643).

<i>Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum. Qui passus es pro nobis, Domine, Domine, miserere nobis.</i>	<i>We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, who by Thy Holy Cross hast redeemed the world. Thou, who hast suffered death for us, O Lord, O Lord, have mercy on us.</i>
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Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Prayer over the People

After the prayer the clergy and servers scatter, like the disciples who fled in fear. We then depart immediately in silence. There is no Blessed Sacrament in church, it is traditional to genuflect to the Cross instead.

Upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
To stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
Yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the cross of life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4;14-16; 5:7-9

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 95) :

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

