

## **Notices**

### **Church Services at church suspended until government lockdown is lifted**

Sunday 10 am service will be online on YouTube and Facebook.

Zoom coffee afterwards - Meeting ID: 883 628 6514 & Passcode: 371151

The Church is open to all to visit for prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

Please remember social distancing/face covering regulations

### **Lunch Club**

Hot meal for local elderly, vulnerable and isolated people.

Our next lunch is on **Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Thanks to the grant we have been awarded we now run this **weekly**, but would also like some additional volunteers to help prepare food/serve so that we can have multiple teams. If you are able to **volunteer** at least once a month, please let us know.

On top of delivering for those who prefer to stay at home, as soon as allowed, we will have socially distanced tables for those who would like to eat together at church, albeit bound by whatever rules are in place. Please book a space in church through the church office.

There is no charge for the delivery meal as we do not want our volunteers to have to handle cash on doorsteps, but donations direct to the church are welcome. In church we are asking for £4 donation to cover the costs of the food, etc.

If you would like one, contact us to book and let us know about any dietary requirements.

We aim to deliver between 12-12.30pm

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### **Movement for Good Nominations**

Please click on the link to nominate St George's for an award to support our community work.

<https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1190509&ct=church>

### **Shoebox Appeal**

St Georges church is continuing as a drop off point for Christmas shoeboxes this year.

### **World Giving**

Please fill in the world giving forms by the end of November if you wish to propose a charity.

If you need a form, then please let us know.

**A Poetic Prayer** – Valley of Vision – Kept by God

JEHOVAH GOD,

Thou Creator, Upholder, Proprietor of all things,

I cannot escape from thy presence or control, nor do I desire to do so.

My privilege is to be under the agency of omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom, patience, mercy, grace.

Thou art love with more than parental affection;

I admire thy heart, adore thy wisdom, stand in awe of thy power,

abase myself before thy purity.  
It is the discovery of thy goodness alone that can banish my fear,  
allure me into thy presence, help me to bewail and confess my sins.  
When I review my past guilt and am conscious of my present unworthiness  
I tremble to come to thee, I whose foundation is in the dust,  
I who have condemned thy goodness, defied thy power,  
trampled upon thy love, rendered myself worthy of eternal death.  
But my recovery cannot spring from any cause in me,  
I can destroy but cannot save myself.  
Yet thou hast laid help on One that is mighty,  
for there is mercy with thee, and exceeding riches in thy kindness through Jesus.  
May I always feel my need of him.  
Let thy restored joy be my strength;  
May it keep me from lusting after the world,  
bear up heart and mind in loss of comforts,  
enliven me in the valley of death,  
work in me the image of the heavenly,  
and give me to enjoy the first fruits of spirituality,  
such as angels and departed saints know.

### **Readings and prayers for weeks of November 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monday**

<sup>35</sup>As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup>They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.'  
<sup>38</sup>He called out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'  
<sup>39</sup>Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'  
<sup>40</sup>Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup>'What do you want me to do for you?'  
'Lord, I want to see,' he replied.  
<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.' Luke 18 v35-43

Think: How do the people with Jesus treat the blind man? Why do you think they did this? Have you ever thought someone too unimportant to bother with? Have you ever seen disabled people excluded from society? why do you think his is? How does the blind man refer to Jesus? How does Jesus respond? What is most important about this blind man? How do these truths impact our attitude towards, a: the disabled?, b. faith?

Pray for those cut off from society because of their disabilities. Pray they would know and experience God's love and grace.

Pray for your own attitudes of prejudice and misunderstanding (we all have them even if we think we don't!). Ask God to help you support someone struggling.

Pray that society would be more inclusive and that we would see the importance of faith.

Pray for the regions of the world where there is suffering. Pray for regions where there is conflict, persecution, oppression and corruption.

Ask the Lord to humble this nation so people would repent and find life through His church as it proclaims the gospel. Pray that Christians would work to transform society for good.

Pray for hospital staff who are working hard in those hospitals that are quite full. Give thanks that out of 1000+ hospitals in the UK, most have plenty of capacity.

Pray for the ongoing planning and logistics of both testing and vaccine roll outs.

Pray for people been put back on furlough and those who are suffering with depression.

Pray for Lorraine and her son who are isolating at home until Wednesday.

Pray : Lord, we're hurting. The pain feels too great. The uncertainty over the future fills our minds with fear and bring huge burdens to our hearts. Please take our pain away so we can sleep peacefully in your care. We thank you that you are close and that you're always with us. We pray for your healing and your huge grace to encircle us as never before. We ask for protection and comfort to surround us. Thank you that you are our Redeemer and you will never waste our pain. Amen

## **Tuesday**

<sup>7</sup>Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. <sup>8</sup>Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city – which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt – where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup>For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. <sup>10</sup>The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. <sup>11</sup>But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. (Revelation 5 v14-17)

Think : Revelation here is talking about God's prophets who revealed to the world its wickedness. Why do people rejoice when Christian witness is silenced? What messages do we bring from God that cause such offence? What happens after the 3 and a half days? What does this teach us about God and his warnings to the earth? Where do you see them today?

Pray for those Christians who boldly proclaim both the warnings and hope in the bible.

Pray that people would wake up to the ways we are wicked and repent.

Pray for nations such as China, that they would stop persecuting and opposing Christ

Pray for the United States and everything taking place there right now

Pray for restaurant / pub staff and owners during local lockdown. Pray against fear and worry

Pray against immoral attitudes and greed. Pray for the nation of Burundi today.

Pray for scientists, doctors, nurses and companies involved in healthcare around the world, that their efforts to treat people would be effective, especially increasing non CV-19 needs.

Give thanks that in most places the second wave of COVID is slowing or indeed starting to turn down. Pray there is no resurgence. Pray for those places that are yet to be hit.

Pray for police enforcing rules, that they would keep the public onside.

Ask God that church leaders would be strengthened to continue through the winter and would be bold and wise in proclaiming Jesus to our community effectively.

Give thanks for the PCC and those serving. Pray God would raise up more good people to be trustees and help lead the church well.

Pray : God, teach us what it means to have faith in silence. When we face trials that are beyond our understanding, help us to find peace. Help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. You set all things in accordance to your time. Remind us to wait patiently, and find peace in your plan through Jesus Christ, Amen

### **Wednesday**

Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

<sup>17</sup>'Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favour on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup>Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup>Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.' (Daniel 9 v16-19)

Think : What has gone wrong for 'Jerusalem'? Why does Daniel pray as he does? What is his greatest concern? Do you have the same concern for God's Name in the church? How do we need to repent and come back to Christ? Where might you need to intercede on behalf of others? How can you help them turn back to Christ?

Pray that Christ's name would not be brought into disrepute by the LLF process just beginning in the Church of England for the next few years. Pray especially for those holding an orthodox view on marriage that we would be full of grace yet remain faithful in this.

Pray for those Bishops who are balancing holding the church together while upholding truth.

Pray that those who are aggressively trying to silence or drive those of us who are orthodox from the church would be seen for the fruit they bear and be humbled by God.

Pray for those facing human courts right now, for justice and equality.

Pray for the ideas and planning needed for Christmas. Especially Christmas on a van

Pray many would come to faith through these events and activities and any follow up.

Pray for our church open for private prayer. Pray that we would use this lockdown for good. Pray for the weekly lunch club running in delivery only mode. Give thanks for volunteers.

Pray for Bishop Paul and the senior staff as they lead the diocese. For wisdom and grace.

Pray for those facing domestic abuse. Pray there would be support for those in need.

Pray for God to call people into church leadership roles. Pray for Terry and Chris our wardens.

Pray : Dear Lord, I pray over our circumstances right now. I pray you will give me peace about what I cannot change and the wisdom to change the things I can. I'm asking you to reach into my life and do your will. Guide me and give me the discernment to hear your voice. Help me to overcome these adversities and have victory in you on the other side. I thank you for the plans you have for me and give you the praise and glory, even in this current storm. In your name, I pray. Amen.

### **Thursday**

<sup>7</sup>It is you alone who are to be feared.

Who can stand before you when you are angry?

<sup>8</sup>From heaven you pronounced judgment,  
and the land feared and was quiet—

<sup>9</sup> when you, God, rose up to judge,  
to save all the afflicted of the land.  
<sup>10</sup> Surely your wrath against mankind brings you praise,  
and the survivors of your wrath are restrained.  
<sup>11</sup> Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfil them;  
let all the neighbouring lands  
bring gifts to the One to be feared.  
<sup>12</sup> He breaks the spirit of rulers;  
he is feared by the kings of the earth. (Psalm 76 v7-12)

Think : What do you learn about God from this passage? What do you learn about His people and how we should live? What do we learn about global leaders. In daniel, we read that the Lord is the one who installs all leaders and therefore if they do evil, they are accountable to him. How does all this help you cope with bad leaders who reject God's ways. Why do you think God's wrath bring him praise? Are you grateful when the courts punish criminals?

Pray for those facing charges in human courts, that justice would be done.

Give thanks that God will administer true justice when the time is right.

Pray that God would raise up godly global leaders to bring us forward in this changing world.

Pray that the Lord would raise up amongst us evangelists and gospel teachers.

Pray for churches that run foodbanks, homeless shelters, schools and other social action projects, that in them Christ would be made known. Pray for our ministries to serve others.

Pray for those serving in the armed forces. Pray for farmers and farm workers.

Pray for the talks/services being produced by Nick & others on video for the local schools, that they would be well received and bring people to faith in this difficult time.

Pray for women who live under oppressive regimes, especially those forced into marriage.

Pray against those who hold far right views, especially in parts of Europe and the UK.

Praise God that the new Annexe planning application is continuing and that both bat surveys have been completed and although there are bats around, it should not (pray is doesn't) have a major impact. Pray for the fundraising and grant applications that will be made.

Pray for the world to be changed for good. Pray for nations where there is persecution and oppression. Pray for refugees and those trying to cross open seas to find a better life.

Pray: Father, today I choose to face my fears with prayer and praise. I surrender my doubts to You and choose to walk by faith - not by sight. Fill my heart and life with Your peace and help me face these uncertain times in Your strength and power. And those things I can't do anything about, Lord, are Yours. Thank You for being Peace in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen

## **Friday**

<sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling<sup>[a]</sup> together;  
and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11 v6-9)

Think: What kind of images does this passage create in your mind? Which are good, which are bad? Why? Where in life do you fear 'vipers' and 'cobras'. Why is this image of peace so important? What does this teach you about God's eternal plan? How can you be a greater part of that? How can you grow in the knowledge of the Lord?

Pray for peace where there is conflict, whether it be between states like Armenia and Azerbaijan, or between families, or even within families.

Pray that humanity would begin to work better with creation rather than consuming and destroying it. Pray we would all learn to live more peacefully and sustainably.

Pray that Christ church, and you as a part of it would filled with the knowledge of God.

Pray to God to end persecution, civil war, corruption and greed.

Pray for those on the receiving end of Islamic terrorism and extremism. Pray that many Muslims continue to come to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for those in prison unjustly.

Pray for those who serve in different ways. Pray for those struggling with life.

Pray for those who have lost jobs and that more new jobs would be created as the way the world works continues to be turned upside down. Pray for people to show grace.

Ask God to guide you in how to view 'church'. Pray that as we emerge from Lockdown 2.0 we would know how we can meet as church in a united way and not dwell on preferences or what has changed. Pray Christ would help us to have unity in the gospel.

Pray that our outdoor carol services come to fruition and are safely, but well attended. Pray that the idea of the tree of light and prayers would go down well and bless many people. Thank God that the schools are interested. Pray for 'Christmas in a bag' for kids.

Give thanks for the technology put together to stream services from inside church, and give thanks for the answered prayer that we have effectively attached the sound desk to the PC.

Pray: Bless our hearts with the peace that comes in meeting You in Your Word every day, and deflecting to Your voice over ours. May we tune into Your volume over our own, and hear You above all other noise. Help us to remain focused on You, and Your love, and extending that love to all who witness our lives. Amen.

## **Saturday**

<sup>45</sup>When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. <sup>46</sup>'It is written,' he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer"; but you have made it "a den of robbers".'

<sup>47</sup>Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. <sup>48</sup>Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words. (Luke 19 v45-48)

Think : The problem in the Temple was not so much selling the odd Christmas card, but the profiteering of the traders as they sold items needed by people to worship and sacrifice God.

What is Jesus hopes for the temple? Why do you think the powers that be wanted to kill him? How did most people respond to him here? What does this teach us about how we enable people to come to Christ? What barriers do we sometimes erect to stop people coming to faith? How can we do better at being a 'house of prayer'?

Give thanks that many generous people support the mission of Christ financially at St George's. Pray that we would continue to use the money wisely as we adapt ministry for our new world. Pray for all the Christmas plans, give thanks for the offer of a van at no cost. Pray we would get all the permissions and insurance sorted.

Pray we would be better at prayer. Pray against greed and artificial barriers we erect in church that might prevent people finding true faith in Jesus.

Pray against those leaders who want to suppress Jesus and the gospel to do social work or gain power and status in the world.

Pray that we would fulfil the requirements of the grant funding our lunch club, especially that we would draw more new people into it as members and volunteers.

Pray for local voluntary sector groups, especially those who are rooted in Christ.

Pray for nations where poverty is rampant and the CV-19 has made it worse. Pray for the millions unemployed globally and those losing jobs each week.

Pray for the Church of England, that it might be renewed and get back to the job of proclaiming Jesus in and out of church and trust Jesus.

Pray for online service tomorrow, that lots of people would tune in.

Pray for local residents and church members that we would build relationships.

Pray for the nations of Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Peru and Iceland.

Pray : A Neophyte's devotion

GLORIOUS AND HOLY GOD,

Provocations against thy divine majesty have filled my whole life.

My offences have been countless and aggravated.

Conscience has rebuked me, friends have admonished me,  
the examples of others have reproached me, thy rod has chastised me,  
thy kindnesses allured me.

Thou hast seen and abhorred all my sins and couldst easily and justly have punished me,  
yet thou hast spared me, been gracious unto me, given me thy help, invited me to thy table.

Lord, I thankfully obey thy call, accept of thy goodness,  
acquiesce in thy gospel appointments.

I believe that Jesus thy Son has plenteous redemption;

I apply to him for his benefits, give up my mind implicitly to his instructions,  
trust and glory in his sacrifice, revere and love his authority,  
pray that his grace may reign in my life.

I will not love a world that crucified him,  
neither cherish nor endure the sin that put him to grief,  
nor suffer him to be wounded by others.

At the cross that relieves my conscience

let me learn lessons of self-denial, forgiveness and submission,  
feel motives to obedience, find resources for all needs of the divine life.

Then let me be what I profess, do as well as teach, live as well as hear religion.

## Sunday

<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1 v18-23)

Think: Dwell on Paul's Prayer for this church. What is his greatest concern? What does he want them to know about Christ? What do you think it would mean for you to believe these truths more deeply, especially his power. Use this passage to create a similar prayer.

Pray that God's sovereignty would be evident to all in this global pandemic.

Give thanks that you are part of Christ's 'body' through faith in Him.

Pray for those who feel discouraged today.

Give thanks that you live with Christ by his Spirit and will one day live with him eternally.

Pray for out 10am being streamed from the vicarage.

Pray for those missing our Sunday outdoor service at 4pm. Pray that Jesus would help you to grow in faith. Pray for those scared to go out at all.

Pray for the nation of Colombia, that peace would reign and its leaders would be wise.

Pray for St George's church family, that we would remain united in the gospel. Pray for wisdom as we plan for the future. Pray for bereavement support group restarting soon.

Pray for graciousness and unity. Pray for your cell group members by name.

Pray for our children's and youth volunteers. Pray God might raise up more young people to serve and lead and preach. Pray for more to join the PCC/ Deanery Synod.

Pray for the end of this lockdown, that we would be safe and new people would come in. Pray that younger people would step forward to volunteer to clean and restart new ministries.

Pray that the church would be transformed for good so we may bless many more people as we come out of this. Pray for ways to reach children and youth in this time.

For people to find faith that would endure and that they would recognise all of us can rely on no one but God for eternal life. Pray for those who have drifted away from church.

Pray for the future of the Church of England, that it might be renewed and transformed by the Spirit and return to its biblical roots given by Cranmer and the reformers.

Pray: Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
Amen