

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

Thursday	6.15pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-8.30pm	St George's Choir practice Ascension Day Service—St Peter's Church Harborne
Friday	7.30pm-10.00pm	UMC Admin meeting
Saturday	7.00am-1.00pm	D. M. K. Amanuel E. O. T. C.

A prayer for the week

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

WITH SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere condolences to Raichelle Jukes, her family and friends on the death of Raichelle's mother Mrs Joanna Jukes.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Dr. Jonny Francis on completing his medical qualifications.

ALL CHANGE

We look forward to the planned return of our Vicar Revd Canon Julian Francis next Sunday 2nd June.

ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY 30TH MAY

It has not been possible this year to arrange our usual lunchtime service, but in the evening there is the joint service for the four churches (St Bartholomew's, SS Faith and Laurence, St Peter's and ourselves) at St Peter's Harborne at 7.30pm. Please support this opportunity to share with our neighbour congregations.

PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

This year we are invited to share the Pentecost celebrations of our sister church the D M K Amanuel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church; Pentecost weekend also marks 10 years of EOTC worship at St George's. They are in church from 3am to 4pm on Saturday 8th June. Highlights include trumpets sounded about 4am, and a three times procession around the outside of the church about 12. At 2pm there will be traditional food, which we are warmly invited to share. A few pointers; it is not expected that we would attend all the service – dropping in and out is fine. Shoes are removed before entering the area of worship, and men and women keep separate. Communion is taken only after giving notice in advance, and after careful preparation and fasting (this was once the practice in the Church of England also). On Sunday 9th June, Pentecost will be marked by the now custom-

ary joint service between the St George's congregations, at 10 am, using the liturgy of the New Zealand church. EOTC are invited to join us. (so no 8am, no 10.30, nor 6pm services.) EOTC return for worship on Sunday afternoon, so some of their wonderful hangings will remain in the chancel over Sunday morning.

GOOD NEWS ON THE RECEIPT OF A GRANT

The Fabric Committee is delighted to announce that a grant of £3,500 has been made towards our 'Let the Stones Live' project Phase 2 from the Allchurches Trust Limited. The grant will be used against the costs for stonework and alteration of existing gutters to prevent water entering via the East wall of the vestry.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th – 18th May 2019

Thank you again to all collectors. The red collectors' bags with filled envelopes and spare equipment should be returned to church or to me [phone 0121 440 7813 if you have a problem] by Sunday 2nd June 2019. Our Christian Aid quiz raised the splendid sum of £215.75 including Gift Aid and the soup lunch topped that with £237.75 including Gift Aid. We really did get off to a flying start for our annual effort. *Jane Darnton*

CHRISTIAN AID & CLIMATE CHANGE

Christian Aid will be holding a meeting with Preet Gill MP and the shadow DFID team in London on 26th June. They are seeking a representative for Edgbaston. If you can help contact *Kate Ormerod*, Christian Aid Regional Co-ordinator 0121 200 2283.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

June 5th: John Kiefert and Phil Ypres-Smith Songs of Travel. Settings of Robert Louis Stevenson by Vaughan Williams. A perennial favourite of baritones and audiences alike.

CADBURY LECTURES 2019

The World as God's Home The 2019 Cadbury Lectures will be given by Professor Miroslav Volf of Yale Divinity School. The three Lectures will be given this Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 28 to 30 May, 6-7.30pm, at St Martin's in the Bullring. Search Cadbury Lectures 2019 for full details.

THE FRIENDSHIP PLACE

This is the new, and more welcoming, name for our dementia cafe (demcaf). Please continue to encourage friends or neighbours living with memory loss to come.