



CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN

St George's remains an open and welcoming community during these difficult times, while public services are suspended until December. Church is open for individual prayer twice a week. All are welcome. On Sunday there is a live-streamed Eucharist at 10.30am. We will also meet regularly via Zoom for fellowship; details will be published on the pewsheets each week. The Vicar remains available for pastoral care and conversation by telephone. We continue in prayer for the nation, for an end to the pandemic, for the sick, and for key workers.

Christ the King

22nd November 2020

8.00am **BCP Mattins by telephone conference call**

Fr Sam

10.30am **Eucharist live streamed online via [facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston](https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston)** Fr Sam
Readings: Ephesians 1:15-end; Matt 25:31-end

Music *Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei*: Thorne—Mass of St Thomas

Introit: Christus Vincit—plainsong

Offertory: *A song of peace*—Stanford

Organ music: Prelude on Suite medievale - Jean Langlais

12pm

Zoom Coffee & Conversation online

7pm All welcome, email Fr Sam for a link.

Mystery of Faith discussion group on Zoom

All welcome, email Fr Sam for a link.

We welcome Hugh Houghton as cantor at today's 10.30am Eucharist and offer him our thanks for aiding our worship in this way.

In the Coming Week

Thursday mornings Church is open for individual prayer from 9.30am until Midday.

Wednesdays at 9.30am Prayers on Zoom *contact Eve Kirby to join on 07715 394699*

Saturday mornings Church is open for individual prayer from 10am until Midday.

Next Sunday—First Sunday of Advent Sunday

29th November 2020

8.00am *Mattins (BCP) by telephone conference call*

Fr Sam

10.30am *Morning Worship*

Led by Kate Tingle

PLEASE PRAY FOR

St George's Primary School, staff, governors, children, parents and carers.

QE Hospital - staff, admin, management, patients and their families and friends.

Preparations for Advent and Christmas, at St George's, our neighbouring schools, and nationally.

Those who are ill:

John Wynn

Nick Sales

Carol Smith

Jayne Mertling-Blake

Valentyna Milward

Janet Taylor

Esme Sands

Miroslava Blahova

Jo Cox

Margaret Smith

Ken Lee

Natalie Paul

Anne Phelps

Mary Howard

RIP

Christopher Burt

Prayer for the Week:

Lord, teach us to build hope and confidence through the power of prayer and the joy and courage it brings as we continue to seek your guidance in our steps to transform communities and radiate your love.

WITH SYMPATHY

We received sad news that Christopher Burt passed away on Saturday 14 November, in hospital. We offer our condolences to Maggi his sister and family. Maggi would like to thank everyone for their prayers over the last few months.

MATTINS BY CONFERENCE CALL

Jenny Uff will be leading Mattins (BCP) at 8am this Sunday by teleconference. To join the service from any telephone dial 0121 720 3377 and, when prompted, enter the meeting code 898 358 214 followed by the # ('hash') key. Your voice will be heard by other callers and on a loudspeaker in the sanctuary. We do not have a freephone number available so please be aware of the cost of calls to 0121 numbers in your call plan.

ANY COMPUTER HELP NEEDED?

Now we are accessing church on-line, does anyone need help with getting live services on Facebook or social chats on Zoom or Teams? We cannot be with you by your computer but might be able to give advice over the phone. Jane Darnton [0121 440 7813 or janedarnton@outlook.com] or Charlotte Gibson [womenstheology@gmail.com].

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY

From the beginning of December a parish Christmas postcard will be available in church. There will be one for each congregation member/household. Could you also help spread the word about our Christmas celebrations in church by taking some to post to neighbours, colleagues or friends? If so, please email Fr Sam.

CHURCH LIBRARY PROJECT

What resources would you like to be in a church library? Are there particular books you'd recommend to others to help them in their Christian journey? If you have ideas the Vicar would be interested to hear from you.

COVID-19 UPDATE

During the current lockdown, public worship is paused which means our church services will not be able to go ahead. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, along with many other national faith leaders, have called on the government to allow worship to continue. However, unless the legislation is amended we must abide by the law.

As Christians we have an important role to play in praying for the country and its leaders in this difficult time, and setting an example of calm, compassion and courage. The Archbishops have called upon us to use November as a month of prayer, an opportunity to commit ourselves afresh to Christ. Online resources for each day can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

FUTURE NOTABLE DATES

Advent Sunday 29th November

PARISH MAGAZINE AND PEW SHEET

Material for the parish magazine should be submitted to Justin Pinkess by 29th November to be included in the January edition. The deadline for Pew Sheet items are Wednesdays at 10am.

VICAR ON YOU TUBE

Fr Sam was interviewed by Sister Dr Vassa Larin, an Orthodox nun and theologian based in Vienna, on her show *Coffee with Sister Vassa*. Charlotte was also interviewed by Sr Vassa earlier in the year. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3v9PAK57Ofc&t=157s>

KARIS NEWSLETTER

Karis Neighbour Scheme's November newsletter can be viewed via the following link: <https://mailchi.mp/f9ba7c108bd0/kns-november-enewsletter-6073789>

CHRISTIAN AID

Jane Darnton, our Christian Aid representative, would like to share a letter sent to her from Christian Aid. Please see the attached notice. Jane also wishes to give thanks through your giving by quizzes and envelope gifts.

Digital Christian Aid Week raises nearly 4 million

Dear Mrs Darnton,

Christian Aid Week 2020 was certainly a Christian Aid Week we won't forget!

The coronavirus pandemic affected so much of your planned fundraising but you triumphed, you persevered, and you went online. We have been so humbled by the dedication you have shown to supporting Christian Aid- not even a global pandemic could stop you from standing alongside the most vulnerable.

In total you raised nearly 4 million pounds and we could not be more grateful for all your hard work and passion. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week 2021

Planning is well underway for Christian Aid Week 2021 and we are as committed as you are to this remarkable annual week, where thousands of churches stand together with the world's poorest and most in need.

We're not sure what the coronavirus situation will be like next year yet but we're currently developing a range of ideas and activities for Christian Aid Week 2021 that will be suitable for whatever social distancing restrictions are in place then.

These will include several digital fundraising ideas and the return of our e-Envelope strengthened and improved by feedback and research. **But we need your help**, could you answer our 5min survey so we can understand your needs and fundraising plans more fully?

Our highlights from 2020

Your fundraising was amazing! You shared with us your sponsored headshaves, prayer camp outs, cookbook sales and fitness challenges as you made the most of the outdoors! Here are some of the results we thought you might like to see:

- 525+ joined us for Quiztarian Aid live on Facebook and had fun listening to Dr Rowan Williams host the entertainment round.
- 3802 e-Envelopes were created and our signature red envelope went digital.
- 643 Justgiving fundraising pages were created. That's more than a 500% increase compared to previous years!
- 7670 people signed our cancel the debt petition.

Resources for 2021 – what can I reuse?

Thank you to those of you that were able to retain materials. We have now made careful decisions on what to reprint, recycle and reuse from 2020. Please reuse everything except;

- The guide to collecting and any Welsh collector badges
- The daily devotional
- The 'Form A' money return form for 2020

Please download the latest versions of all online resources including worship resources when they are available in 2021.

As we now look towards Advent and making the most of the Christmas period, we hope this serves as a reminder of how special our Christian Aid Community is and helps in your planning for next year. In the new year we will be in touch with more information about Christian Aid Week 2021.

We are delighted to tell you that we will again focus on the communities in Kitui, Kenya picking up on the stories of Rose, Florence and their communities and how climate chaos is perpetuating drought and flooding endangering their livelihoods.

Thank you again for all of your hard work this year. **[Don't forget to answer our survey.](#)** Your views are important to us and will help us plan Christian Aid Week 2021.

Yours sincerely,
Sophie Brightwell
Christian Aid Week Team
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