



St George's Day: Patronal Festival

25th April 2021

8.00am **BCP Holy Communion** **Fr. Sam**
Readings: same as the 10.30am service

10.30am **Parish Eucharist** **Fr Sam**
Preacher: Fr Douglas Machiridza, Area Dean of Handsworth and Central Deanery
Readings: Revelation 12.7-12, Psalm 126
2 Timothy 2.3-13, John 15.18-21

Music: Leighton in D
Jeremiah Clarke: Prince of Denmark's March
Alec Rowley: Prelude on St. George
Patrick Gowers: An Occasional Trumpet Voluntary (after Jeremiah Clarke)

In the Coming Week

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer in the Whitmore Room
Thursday Open church until midday - **suspended during lighting works**

DONATE ON YOUR MOBILE

All of St George's ministry is funded by the generosity of our congregations. Text STGE to 70085 to donate £5. Thanks for your support.

Next Sunday - Stewardship Sunday

2nd May 2021

8.00am *BCP Holy Communion* *Fr Sam*
10.30am *Parish Eucharist* *Fr Sam*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The people and ministers of Nippon Sei Ko in Japan..

In the diocese: for our new deanery and area dean.

In the parish: for the Annual Meeting next week, as we consider the past year and look to the future.

For people returning to work in offices and shops nearby.

Those who are ill:

John Wynn
Nick Sales
Carol Smith
Esme Sands
Philip Hassall
Mary Howard

Miroslava Blahova
Jo Cox
Margaret Smith
Natalie Paul
Anne Phelps
Gain Kaur

RIP

David Henson

Prayer for the Week:

Dear Father,
Awaken my soul, I thirst for you and long to know you more.
Sharpen my prayers, I wait on you and trust in your great love.
Brighten my mind with your great hope, I lift your name on high.
Bless this day, I give you thanks for my life.
Amen.

WELCOME LEO DUTTON

Congratulations to Lydia and Owen Dutton on the birth of Leo on 8th April, a brother for Alfie and a grandson for Susan Booth.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The revised Electoral Roll for 2021 is available for inspection at the back of church. Please let me know if any changes are needed. *Jenny Astley.*

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our APCM takes place on **Tuesday 27th April**, starting at 7pm in church. This is a key event in the life of our parish and we encourage everyone in our community to participate. Election of church officers also takes place during the APCM. For further information contact David Hill, PCC Secretary. Online access will be available for those who are unable for medical/personal reasons to participate on site. Please contact the Vicar if this is the case for you.

THE PSALMS - SONGS OF FAITH AND DOUBT

This is a six-session course being offered online by the Diocese. It is aimed at anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the psalter and reflect on how its vivid imagery might speak to us in these turbulent times. The course has been created by Dr Ann Conway-Jones, a biblical specialist, with Revd Paul Hinton, Head of Ministry Formation. Guided online resources will be provided for participants to work through at their own pace. Ann and Paul will then host fortnightly Zoom seminars. The first instalment is available now online, ready for a Zoom seminar to be held on **Wednesday April 28th**, and then fortnightly, with a choice of 2 p m o r 7 p m . Booking is via Pathways on the diocesan website; (this is the section for all training and development courses).

JOINING 8am HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

The service will be held in church and you are welcome to attend in person if you are able. For those wishing to join by telephone or video conference you can join the service from any telephone by dialling 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. Alternatively, from a computer or smartphone using an internet browser or the Microsoft Teams app click on this link: [BCP8AM](#) . You will find the order of service at this link [ORDEROFSERVICE8AM](#)

If you need assistance contact Nick Gibbs on 07774 642747 or 0121 440 1920 or nick.gibbs@stgeorgesedgbaston.org.uk.

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST

On Thursday 13th May, 7.30pm there will be a joint Eucharist for the Edgborne Group (St George's, Edgbaston Old Church, St Peter's Harborne, St Faith and St Laurence Harborne). Please come along and celebrate this special day in the church year. Due to the numbers involved **booking is required for this service**. To book a seat go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ascension-day-eucharist-tickets-150722808979> If you do not have internet access and would like to book a seat, please approach Nick Gibbs.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY 2021

Seeking volunteers for a different Covid-secure house-to house collection in your immediate area. I have collecting envelopes which only need to be put through a letter box once. The outgoing envelopes have a section the volunteer completes for the return to their address [or the church office] as an invitation for the return of the envelope with any donation. This means that there will be no face-to-face contact. I do know some willing collectors but would be very happy to hear of more. I shall be emailing/posting out our quiz for the week with a connection to a Just Giving page. I hope people will make their own friends and family groups for quizzing, as we are forced to the remote, rather than having our jolly in-church evening.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Does anyone still have Children's Society boxes at home? If so please bring them to church for Pat Bullock to send on.

**CONFIRMATIONS ON SATURDAY 8 MAY,
10am**

We were delighted to welcome Harriet and Amin into Christ's church through their baptism at the Easter Vigil. Bishop David will Confirm them at the Cathedral on Saturday 8th May. Please pray for them ahead of this service! Understandably space in the cathedral is limited and so they will only be able to have two guests each. However, we can support them by watching online - link will be provided once available.

**RAICHELE AND MICHAEL WEDDING
UPDATE**

Unfortunately we are only allowed 15 members of our close friends and family in church for the ceremony, however we will be streaming the ceremony via facebook and having a virtual reception in the evening. If anyone would like more information please visit our website - <https://www.blueghost.co.uk/wedding/> Michael.

CLIMATE SUNDAY PLANNING

We shall be marking Climate Sunday at St George's on 29th August to share church commitments and pray for bold action and courageous leadership at COP26. If anyone would like to join us in planning this service please let us know. You can find out more by registering for a series of Zoom meetings for Birmingham Diocese starting on Thursday 22nd April by contacting beryl.moppett@gmail.com. (Jenny Uff and Nick Gibbs).

PARISH MAGAZINE AND PEW SHEET

If you normally pick up your copy in a named envelope at the back of church we will send your copy by post while access to church is restricted. If you usually pick a copy from the rack and would like one sent to you please let Marcia know by email or leave a phone message.

Material for the parish magazine should be submitted to Justin Pinkess by 2nd May to be included in the June edition. The deadline for Pew Sheet items are Wednesdays at 10am.