

## ST PETER'S CHURCH, STREATHAM SUNDAY, 2 May 2021

You are welcome at St Peter's – whether this is your first time in church, or you're 1000th. Everything you need is in this booklet – please join in the parts in bold. Please take a seat where you see a white sign, ensuring you are 2 meters distance from those around you. If you would like a gluten free communion wafer, please let someone on the welcome desk know before the service. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Fr Steffan.

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

DAY	SERVICES & WHERE (FB = Facebook)
Sunday 2 May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>10.30 – Mass</b> (Church & FB)
Monday 3 May St Phillip and James	--
Tuesday 4 May English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation	--
Wednesday 5 April	12.00pm – Mass (Church & FB)
Sunday 9 May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>8.00am – Mass</b> (Church) <b>10.30 – Mass</b> (Church & FB) <b>6.30pm – Choral Evensong and Benediction</b>

**PRAYER CYCLE:** *to add or remove people, contact Fr Steffan*

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray **St James, Merton**; and in the wider Anglican communion pray for the Bishops, priests and people of the **Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East**.

**The Sick:** Karen, Roy, Anne, Roger, Olivia, Judy, David, Catriona, Beverley, Sandy, Flora, Vilma, Fr Michael Woodgate.

**Birthdays:** Warren Freeman-Birch

**The Elderly & Housebound:** Vera, Rupert, Godfrey, Sylvia.

**Recently Departed:** Dan Sharpe, Janet Horton.

**Those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:** William Casswell, Michael England, Geoffrey Andrews, Peter Morrell, Clarence Warnes, Kenneth Schofield, John Turner.

### NOTICES

- **GIVING:** Our justgiving page is: [www.justgiving.com/stpeters-streatham](http://www.justgiving.com/stpeters-streatham) or be in contact with Catherine Chapman (details below)

- **Choral Evensong and Benediction**, and the **8am Sunday Mass**, will return on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- **PCC**: The first meeting of the new PCC is on Zoom, 10th May at 7.30pm.
- **Quiz Night**: We'll hold an online zoom quiz night for Christian Aid on Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm, with donations for Christian Aid.. Please let me know if you'd like to attend, and if you'd like to be in a team.
- **Christian Aid Week**: Donation envelopes will be available in church May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Gardening Day**: Our next gardening day is Saturday 15th May, 9am to 11am. Please let Angela Newby know if you would like to attend.

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### PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

*The music for the Mass setting the choir will sing Messe Basse - Fauré. Please stand, as you are able, as the bell rings. The choir sing:*

1 Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high,  
Alleluya!

2 He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!  
We too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluya!

3 He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.  
Alleluya!

4 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, to-day thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay,  
Alleluya!

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*The priest introduces the Mass, and then calls us to confession:*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart: *silence follows, then:* Almighty God, **our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.** *Then, the choir sing:*

Lord have mercy. *Kyrie eleison*

Christ have mercy. *Christe eleison*

Lord have mercy. *Kyrie elesion*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We then say the hymn of praise to God, the GLORIA:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER Let us pray: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *Please sit.*

## 1ST READING Acts 8.26–40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ <sup>31</sup>He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sing: Psalm 22.25–31*

*Response: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For the kingdom is the Lord’s and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him? He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

## 2ND READING | John 4.7–21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the music starts for the GOSPEL. The choir sing: Alleluia, Alleluia! Abide in me as I abide in you. Whoever abides in me will bear fruit in plenty. Alleluia!*

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.** (John 15.1–8)

Hear the Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE SERMON. *Silence is kept after the sermon for personal reflection.*

THE CREED – *Please stand with the priest, as we affirm our faith:* We believe in one God, the **Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, [all bow] was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

*After each prayer, the leader may say:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*After praying for the dead, they may say:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Then:* **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.**

*The priest concludes the prayers... .... Amen.*

THE PEACE The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord, Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

*We share the peace without leaving our pews.*

*Please sit while the offer is prepared, and the choir sing:*

I PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

Come ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters draw near,

Praise him in glad adoration.

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew

All the Almighty can do,

He who with love doth befriend thee.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so  
gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in  
me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now  
with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*Please stand for:* Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his acts, and then we join with the angels in their song of praise...*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The priest prays that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ...*

*After elevating the host and chalice, the priest says:* Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

*The priest prays for the church and the world... ending:* for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **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.**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.

In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in

joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

*As the host is broken, the choir sing:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: misere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: misere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy 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.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

The Body of Christ: **Amen**

*In order to receive communion, please wait until the row in front of you have received before leaving your seat. Please sanitize your hands as you approach. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and this will be given in silence.*

*The choir sing: Benedictus from Messe Basse.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Let us pray. *Please stand.* Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.** *Followed by* NOTICES

THE BLESSING The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

I God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him,  
And exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
He who spread the heav'ns above,  
He who breathes through all creation,  
He is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp he holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.

*Please remember social distancing and that we are not, at current, able to socialize indoors as we leave.*