St Peter's Church, Streatham – Sunday next before Lent

You are welcome at St Peter's – whether this is your first time in church, or your 1000th. Everything you need is in this booklet – please join in the **bold**. If you would like a gluten-free wafer at communion, please let a welcomer know before mass begins.

Mar. 2nd Sunday next before	8am: Said Mass	
	10.30am: Parish Mass,	
	6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction	
Lent	with both adult and youth choirs	
Mon 3rd	9am: Morning Prayer	
Tues 4th	7.30am: Said Mass at St Margaret the Queen (SW2 3BH)	
	9am: Morning Prayer	
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Wed 5th	9.20am: Toddler Church	
Ash Wednesday	12pm: Said Mass <i>with imposition of ashes</i>	
	7.45pm: Sung Mass with imposition of ashes	
Mar. 9th Lent I	8am: Said Mass	
	10.30am: Parish Mass	
	6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction	

PRAYER CYCLE: to add or remove people, please contact Fr Steffan In our Diocese for the parish of All Saints, New Eltham, & in the wider Anglican Communion for the Province of the Indian Ocean.
In our parish, that we may grow in numbers, grow in the deepening of our faith, and grow in service to our community.
Birthdays: Vernon Simpson
The Sick: Judy, Indy, Chad, Helen, Natasha, Arlette, Brian, Imogen, Bridget, Gabriel, Richard, Patsy, Claude, Paul, Leslie, Sophi, Hilary
The Elderly & Housebound: Vera, Rupert, Godfrey, Sylvia, Cleo
The Recently Departed: Fr Neil Dawson, Valerie Lawrence, Wessel Thomas, Paula Teodorescu
and those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time: Mita D'Souza, William Reynolds, Donald Francke

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Stuck at home/hospital?

Please be in touch and the clergy would be happy to visit or pray. New home? Fresh start?

We would be delighted to come round for a house blessing. Speak to Fr Steffan to be added to our email list, or to request a visit.

PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if able, as we sing:

I Alleluya, sing to Jesus, His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluya, his the triumph, His the victory alone: Hark the songs of peaceful Sion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluya, not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluya, he is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how; Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'? 3 Alleluya, Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluya, here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluya, King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluya, born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic Feast.

The priest introduces the mass. The Deacon then calls us to confession:
My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins:
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.

We then sing the Kyrie Eleison ('Lord have mercy/ Christ have mercy') Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.

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 sing the ancient hymn of praise, the GLORIA: (Choir) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. (Choir) Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. Glory to God...

(Choir) We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God... (Choir) 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.

Have mercy on us.

(Choir) You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **Receive our prayer.**

(Choir) For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.

Glory to God...

(Choir) You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Amen. Amen. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY Let us pray. *Silence, then:* Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the IST READING Exodus 34:29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been

commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his

face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99:5-9

Choir: Exalt the Lord our God *We respond:* **Exalt the Lord our God**

I. Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name;

they called upon the Lord and he answered them. Response.

2. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.You answered them, O Lord our God;you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences. R.

3. Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy. **Response.**

2ND READING <u>2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2</u>

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Please stand as the music starts for the GOSPEL reading (accounts of Jesus' life and teaching) & face the procession as it moves to the centre of church.
Alleluia! Alleluia! This is my son, whom I have chosen; listen to him. Alleluia!
The Lord be with you: And also with you.
Hear the Gospel ♥ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord. (Luke 9:28-36)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON, then silence for reflection.

Then, we stand for THE CREED:

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 for] 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 please feel free to sit or kneel 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 ends the prayers: ...Jesus Christ: **Amen**

THE PEACE:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to our neighbour and say 'peace be with you', or shake hands

OFFERTORY:

The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. During the hymn, a collection is taken: you are welcome to make a donation or, if you would like, you can use a card reader at the back of the church.

I. Come down, O Love divine, 3. Let holy charity Seek thou this soul of mine. Mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become mine inner clothing; And visit it with thine own ardour True lowliness of heart. glowing; Which takes the humbler part, O Comforter, draw near, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. loathing. 2. O let it freely burn, 4. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long, Till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; Shall far outpass the power of human And let thy glorious light telling; Shine ever on my sight, For none can guess its grace, And clothe me round, the while my path Till it become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his illuming. dwelling.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

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.

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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, as the choir sing (in English or Latin):

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, recalling the last supper of Jesus and his disciples, prays that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ.

After elevating the host and chalice, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The priest then prays for the church and the world, and the gift of God's spirit, ending as the priest elevates the gifts...



for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil.

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 (body of Christ) is broken, the choir sings (in English or Latin): Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed 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.

RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion after the choir. Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive communion.

If you would like a blessing, ask as you approach, or cross your arms over your chest, and this will be given – or feel free to stay in your pew.

The choir sings a motet ('Ego sum panis' - Palestrina).

Then, we sing:

I. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is foundwe stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sightour radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his graceno work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Please stand.

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Followed by the NOTICES, then:

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

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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. Thanks be to God.

I. To God be the glory - great things He hath done!So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son, and give Him the glory - great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!To ev'ry believer the promise of God;The vilest offender who truly believes,That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord...

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;But purer and higher and greater will beOur wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son, and give Him the glory - great things He hath done.

Please do join us for refreshments after the service – we love meeting new people! Refreshments are normally by the statue of Mary.

One of the clergy can help introduce you to people – please ask if we can be of help. stpeters-streatham.org. Facebook & Twitter: @StPetersSW16

parenting for faith

Want to help the kids you love find God in everyday life?

The Parenting for Faith course is for you! It's not just mums and dads who long for children and teens to know God for themselves. Whether you're a parent, carer, family member, friend, or church worker or leader, you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God – whatever their age!

The Parenting for Faith video-based course will give you confidence to share your life with God in a way that feels natural to you – and the tools to do it easily in everyday life.

Parenting for Faith course

Online (via Zoom) Thursdays, 6 March-3 April, then 24 April-8 May, 20.00-21.00 Each session is run by Parenting for Faith.

Anyone is welcome to join - please let Fr Ben know if interested! frbenvertannes@gmail.com