

All Saints' weekly email: Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends

I hope you have been making a good beginning in Lenten observance. I am finding extra reading, praying the Stations of the Cross quietly on my own and Sister Wendy's paintings for every day of Lent (mentioned in my email two weeks ago) very helpful focuses.

A word about Stations of the Cross: I wasn't very clear in describing this last week. Last Friday we offered a recording of Stations made last year, with meditations by Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, at 6pm. Thanks to Huw Pryce I have been able to record a second set this week, with meditations by Fr Denys Lloyd CR, and it will be offered at 6pm today. The recording and editing of this devotion is quite labour-intensive for the editor, so we won't make another set this year. But both will continue to be available on the YouTube channel and via the website for the duration of the season and I hope that having two sets to alternate will be welcome.

After recent government announcements regarding the path out of lockdown it was clear to me that participation in the Holy Week liturgies will be online for the majority again this year and so I have agreed with Bishop Rowan Williams that he will defer his involvement for another year: he will be with us from Palm Sunday to Easter Day 2022. I am immensely grateful to Bishop Rowan for his eagerness to be with us in person and his willingness to be so flexible about joining us, and Fr Peter Anthony joins me in looking forward to welcoming him next year.

This year at least we know that the liturgies can be offered in church, and I will be working with others to ensure that we can make the best offering possible. As was the case last year there will not be extra addresses on the weekdays: there will be sermons on Palm Sunday and Easter Day and we will allow the other liturgies to speak for themselves (in my opinion this works very well for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil).

This Sunday there will be some limited filming taking place during the Sung Mass for a project by a young independent film-maker who approached us via her housemate, Poppy Harris, a regular member of our congregation. It is for a short film about community in lockdown and why gathering for Mass and having the church building open for worship has been important for us; it is not for the news media and will probably be shown some months from now at a festival. The diocese was eager to give permission for this to happen (the Archdeacon of London described the project as 'missional') and I have been happy to participate (there will also be some filming of me and Peter Little tomorrow as we make preparations for Sunday). Two Sundays ago there was a small amount of preparatory filming (in which only Poppy was filmed); we will have a say over the final cut and a copy of the resulting film.

I discovered this week that I am a 'frontline social care worker' and therefore entitled to book for vaccination, to which I duly submitted yesterday at a very friendly and efficient vaccination centre behind St Pancras Station. I even have a second date - 17 May. All very reassuring!

Fr Michael

Click on the following links for Sung Mass on SUNDAY at 11am:

[Propers for Second Sunday of Lent](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)

LENT APPEAL 2021

Proceeds from this year's Lent Appeal will be divided between:

American Church Soup Kitchen in Tottenham Court Road

towards the costs of their mental health worker

Anglican Communion Fund

supporting communities throughout the Anglican Communion often in the poorest and most dangerous parts of the world.

Bishop of London's Lent appeal

focussing on Youth Violence - supporting three charities working in different ways with young people.

How to donate

Please give generously by visiting our [donation page](#).

Or you can send a cheque to the Parish Office, made payable to: "Parochial Church All Saints (Lent Appeal)". If you qualify for Gift Aid, please write 'Gift Aid' on the back of the cheque.

Lent Boxes will not be issued this year.

Prayer list

Prisoners and captives:

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Nasrin Sotoudeh, Mussie Eyob, Maira Shabhaz.

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Katherine Lee, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Beth Klausing, Hilary Porter, Bruce Ross-Smith, Benjamin Woolf, James Shrimpton, Tony Rodger, Rachel Pereira, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Chris and Carole Radley, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Rosemary Orr, Andrew Rodger, Martin Berka, Barbara Schiefer, David Aspenal, Sybil Priestnall, John Mather, Joan Anna SLG, Tim Little, Elizabeth Dennis, Phil Gibbs, Poppy Harris, Sam Ellis, Sheila Wood, Jennifer Spreckley, Sue Yesnick, Stewart Lyon, Bishop Joe Aldred, Jack de Gruiter

Those known to us recently departed:

Ralph Spreckley

Audrey Williams

Miles Nelson

Victor Sharp

Anniversaries of death:

28th - Alexander Finnis, Martin Mogridge (29th)

March 1st - Dennis Gill, William Batey, Gertrude Bennett, Charles Bewick *Pr*, Frances Lightfoot
2nd -

3rd - Catherine Packer, Ernest Gittins, Walter Freeth, Bridget Wright, Marion Badger

4th - Kenneth Edwards, Alfred Gorse

5th - George Holden *Pr* (fourth vicar of All Saints), Gwen Ogilvy

6th - Alice Sutton, Robin Allen

Supporting All Saints

Parish Giving Scheme

Thank you to all who give in various ways to support the work of All Saints. While we regret that the previous online registration facility for the Parish Giving Scheme is no longer available, our Treasurer recommends that this remains our preferred option for giving: it allows contributions to be anonymous and deals with GiftAid, which saves our office a lot of time.

You can join the scheme either by phoning **0333 002 1271** and quoting the parish code 230623075; or by **requesting a form** from the parish office. (It is not possible at present to register for the scheme online.) Click [here](#) for a page which explains how the scheme works.

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Sort Code 60-09-15

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Parish Legacy Policy

We are always delighted to hear from anyone who wants to support us with a donation. Our PCC Legacy Policy encourages people to leave bequests specifically to one of our two related charities to be used for purposes of lasting value (rather than day to day costs):

All Saints Choir & Music Trust (Charity no. 802994) or

The All Saints Foundation (Charity no. 273390).