

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Festival of Our Patron, St George the Martyr**

7.15am Morning Prayer  
 8.00am Said Eucharist  
 10.00am Sung Eucharist **with incense** and Junior Church

Readings for 10.00am:  
 Revelation 12 v7-12  
 2 Timothy 2 v3-13  
 John 15 v18-21

**Hymns:**

Introit 161 For all the saints (omit verses 5-8)  
 Gradual 607 Take this moment  
 Offertory 605 Take my life  
 Communion 509 One is the body  
 442 May the fragrance of Jesus  
 575 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
 Recessional 562 Rejoice in God's saints

**This week at St. George's:**  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT LADY CHAPEL IS OUT OF USE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Monday:**

7.45am Morning Prayer  
 10.30–12 noon Pop-In – Church open for private prayer until noon  
 5.00pm Evening Prayer  
 8.00pm Bible Reading Group

**Tuesday:**

7.45am Morning Prayer  
 5.00pm Evening Prayer  
 7.15 pm Staff Meeting

**Wednesday:**

*Barry's Day off*

**Thursday:**

9.00am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Said Eucharist  
 11.30am GDPR Seminar at St. Mildred's  
 1.30pm Magazine Collation  
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Friday:**

9.00am Morning Prayer  
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday:**

9.30am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am til noon Church open  
 10.30pm Safeguarding Meeting  
 7.00pm Ruth's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party (see panel)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 7.15am Morning Prayer  
 8.00am Said Eucharist  
 10.00am Sung Eucharist

**Dates for your Diary**

9th June: Summer Fete  
 23rd June: St. Albans Pilgrimage

**Large print versions of this pew sheet are available.**

**General Notices**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

**After today's Patronal Festival Service**, do come and enjoy a glass of wine or juice in the Church Hall. At this time of year it is traditional to ask for '*Gift Day Donations*' for something specific which is urgently needed and which church funds alone cannot meet. This year, as you know, the estimates received to repair the Lady Chapel roof are just under £50,000 so once again your help and generosity is needed. Thank you – The Churchwardens will keep you posted!

**Christian Aid** – this year's blank road delivery list is in the porch just waiting for people to sign up to help. There is also a separate leaflet available at the back of the church. All offers of help greatly appreciated.

**Ruth Chapman** is turning 40 next Saturday, 28th April. To mark this momentous occasion (!) a party is being held in the hall on the 28th from 7.30pm onwards. Please accept this as an invitation – it will be lovely to celebrate with you all!

**Summer Fete – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

This year's theme is 'The Village Green'. Plans are already starting to be drawn up for this year's 'spectacular' –including the return of last year's live musicians and we are once again aiming to carry on into the evening. **We urgently need now someone to take over contacting local businesses for donations and/or offers of support and to know that the barbecue is covered.** Please also start looking out your old china as Aunt Sally is making a return appearance this year!

Any offers of help or innovative suggestions please see/phone Jan asap. Thanks

**Please remember in your prayers ...**

**those in acute need, among them:**

Brian; Anne; Mia Keane & the Stacey family; Elsie Lennall; Ann Bloss; Sheila Watts; Frances; Doreen Wash; David Lawn; Dave Ashdown

**those whose need is ongoing, among them:**

Clare Piner; Hal Bittner; Peter Symes; Libby; Barbara Ramsochit; Bill Gibson; Christina; Elizabeth Smith; Elizabeth Lovell; Garth Smith; Jean; Julie; Lindsey Morgan; Margaret Robbins; Mark Hare; Martin Pitt; Melvyn Demmen; Tom; Valerie Hambling; Valerie Duncan; Vera Ventham; Joshua Dovey;

*Please let Barry know ([baryhengist@gmail.com](mailto:baryhengist@gmail.com) or 020 8654 8747) of any changes in the prayer needs of those listed above or of new people to be added.*

**any who have died recently:**

Sylvia MacNeil; Geoff Chapman; Survier Flores

**those whose anniversary of death falls soon:**

Ronald Arthur Stimson; Ernest Wilfred Hanslip; Betty Pendry; Leonard Joseph Kitteringham; Sidney Herbert Head; Lily Naisbett; Frank Russell

*The flowers at the main altar have been donated and arranged by Susan Wheeler in dedication to 'our lovely daughters, Ruth and Faye'. If you would like to make a donation for flowers one Sunday in memory of someone or for a special occasion please contact Marion Sheehan on 020 8777 7308.*

## CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
open our ears to hear you,  
open our mouths to praise you,  
open our hearts to love you,  
more and more. Amen

## COLLECT

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and death: give us the same faith and power of love that we, who rejoice in his triumphs, may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## FIRST READING

Revelation 12 v7-12

*A reading from the Revelation*  
And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

## Psalm 126 8.00am only

*R. The Lord has indeed done great things for us.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. R

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the riverbeds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. R

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2 v3-13

*A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.*

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

## GOSPEL

John 15 v18-21

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross and the victory of your martyr, George: by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection, give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil and so to share the fruit of the tree of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen