

St George



'His brothers also wept and fell down before him.'

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 13 Sept 2020

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Parish Church.

At this time we are unable to serve coffee with conversation after the service.

FORGIVE

The risen Christ is the ultimate, forgiving victim. The community of his disciples and followers was commissioned in a most powerful way: he breathed on them and invited them to be a community of forgiveness. 'If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven'.

SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting St George's Church. You can make your donation even more valuable if you gift aid any donation. Gift aid forms are available from the office. Please contact the office for all Stewardship and Donation enquiries.

readings

Genesis 50.15-21 A happy ending but the story is far from over. The driving source of the story has been the jealous rivalry between Joseph and his brothers. Now, with the death of Jacob, the brothers are afraid of Joseph's welcome.

Matthew 18.21-35 There is no way to measure the extent of God's generosity in forgiving. 'Seventy-seven times' doesn't say it and neither does 'ten thousand talents'. Human forgiveness is rooted in divine forgiveness and to be forgiven means giving up the power-play of innocent versus guilty and joining a fellowship of forgiven sinners.

notices

The Choral Foundation is delighted to announce the new appointment of James Storey as a bass Choral Scholar. James has been in the choir since May 2019, is a promising young singer and organist, and a pupil at Dulwich College where he also holds a scholarship in the Chapel Choir. We are also very pleased to have re-appointed Johanna Chambers and Sam Storey (no relation) as Choral Scholars in their second year with the choir.

Foodbank - Items requested by Living Well: tinned meat, tinned vegetables, toiletries and toilet-roll. Thank you for supporting Living Well, please continue to pray for their work in supporting members of our community and beyond.

Planned Giving - Regular worshippers are asked to join the St George's Planned Giving Scheme by setting up a bank standing order. The scheme greatly helps the church with financial planning, especially in times such as these.

Funeral for Margaret Tatum will be held on Thursday 24 September 2020 at 12 noon. Numbers are restricted to 30 so the family will be coordinating a guest list. Contact the office for more details next week.

Flower Team volunteers are needed please contact the office for more details.

Harvest - We hope to decorate the church for Harvest Festival (Sunday 4 October). If you are having an autumnal garden tidy-up please feel free to donate hydrangea heads, seed heads, hops, berry branches and greenery nearer the time.

intercessions

Please pray for those who are sick:

John Emly
Nick Sales
Lesley McLetchley
Louise Williams

For the departed:
Margaret Tatum
Christian Strover

collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.