

St George



'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's'

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity 18 October 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.

ICON

When Jesus asks for a coin, he then asks, 'Whose icon is this?' The icon belongs to Caesar and so does the coin. All members of the human race bear the icon of God and all children of God belong to God, not to the emperor. The declaration of this ultimate belonging has powerful implications for individuals and the Church.

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

Isaiah 45.1-7 The Persian emperor Cyrus had recently overwhelmed the Babylonian empire and was about to send the exiles home. The poetic declaration from the prophet presents one of the best arguments that God is the only God who holds absolute sovereignty over human history.

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 The idea that Jesus would be returning very soon was common in the early decades of the Church's history. In his letter, Paul deals with this expectation as well as issues local to the Thessalonians.

Matthew 22.15-22 A trick question about paying taxes. In response, Jesus does not separate the material from the spiritual; he believed that God is sovereign over all aspects of human life.

notices

Bishop of Rochester - we are very pleased to welcome Bishop James to preside and preach at our Parish Eucharist today.

Welcare Bromley - The magnificent sum of £225.00 has been sent which will be used to purchase supermarket vouchers for local families in need. Very many thanks for your generous support. Pamela Stuart

A huge thank you to the **Friends of the Churchyard** for all the work they have done over the summer. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the office or Tessa for details.

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.

Commemoration for All Souls Sunday 1 Nov 2020 5.30pm - Please submit names to the office of those to be called during the service.

Advent Book Group - commences on 5 Nov 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom and we shall be reading *Walking Backwards to Christmas*, by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell. Please email the office to be added to the list or speak to Fr Edward.

intercessions

Please pray for those who are sick:

Richard Band

John Emly

Martie Haugh

Nick Sales

Lesley McLetchley

Louise Williams

collect

O God,
forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.