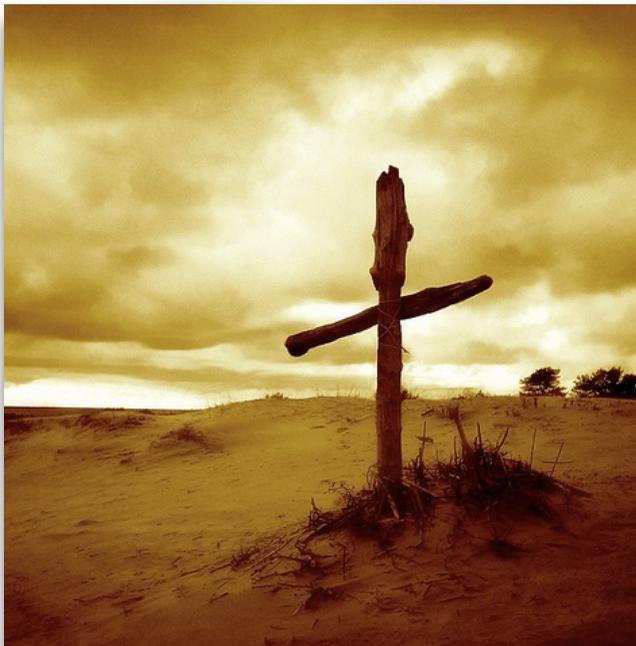


# St George



*'He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan'*

## First Sunday of Lent 21 February 2021

### WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Parish Church for our online Service.

### LENT

Lent is a time of prayer and fasting that mirrors the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. During Lent we give up the *Gloria in Excelsis* and flowers in church, and we use simple, unbleached vestments. Today we observe Lent as a time of penance and prayer and a time of focusing on our need for God's grace.

### SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting St George's Church. You can make your donation even more valuable if you gift-aid it as we are able to reclaim the tax on your gift, but only if you fill clearly state that with your donation.

### readings

**Genesis 9.8-17** A salvation story. God is ever seeking to restore humanity to a right relationship, and God's only desire for us is to obtain true fullness of life intended in creation, but frustrated by human sin. The rainbow is the symbol of divine promise that this shall come to pass.

**1 Peter 3.18-22** An unusual parallel between Christian baptism and the story of Noah. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, a new covenant has been made.

**Mark 1.9-15** The wilderness is the place where Israel spent forty years wandering en route to the Promised Land. Jesus is tested in the wilderness and the passage looks ahead to Gethsemane whilst encouraging us to see this shadow falling over the whole Gospel.

# notices.

**Lockdown** - Public worship at St George's and St Barnabas is suspended. The situation will be reviewed regularly. The church will remain open Monday to Friday for private prayer and foodbank donations

**Lent Reading Group** - Began on Thur 18 Feb 2021 - at 7.00pm - we are reading *The Nail* by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell - please email the office to join the group and for more information.

**Foodbank** - Thank you for your continued support of Living Well Foodbank it is very much appreciated during this current lockdown. Please also continue to pray for their work in supporting members of our community and beyond. Website: <https://www.livingwell.life/> and Twitter **@LWBromley**

**Zoom Coffee Mornings** - Rev Maggie will continue with these popular Wed morning zooms at 10.30am whilst we are in Lockdown. Please contact the office to be included.

**World Day of Prayer Fri 5 March 2021 7.30 via Zoom.** Please contact the office to request the Zoom details.

**Thank you from Judi** - "Very many thanks for all the cards, flowers, prayers and phone calls - your support is very much appreciated. Thank you also for the generous donations to Ray's nominated charities, the link - <https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/85035> - will remain open for donations until 4 March.

**Electoral Roll 2021** - Second Revision - if you are not on St Georges current electoral roll and wish to be included please request an application form for completion and return to the office - the roll opens on 14 March and will close on 1 April.

## intercessions

Please pray for those who are sick

Pam Carpenter  
John Emly  
Martie Haugh  
Yvonne King  
Nick Sales  
Lesley McLetchley  
Louise Williams

## collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days  
in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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**

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