



St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday 29th March 2020,

Lent 5

We are living through extraordinary times in Madrid. Everyone is welcome to join this virtual Holy Communion whilst we cannot attend Church.

Follow the link on Facebook and our website to join in a virtual service led by Rev'd Fran Le Blanc.

Locum Chaplain: Father John is well and trying to get back to Madrid but while he is "trapped" in The United States the Rev'd Fran Le Blanc is acting as locum for us.

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The Church office is closed for now but our administrator, Liz M is working from home. She will answer any queries about Church services at this difficult time. The phone has been re-routed to her home and has an answer machine which gives the emergency contact numbers of our Wardens.

We hope that you don't need them!

The Gospel for today is

John 11:1-45

Ezekial 37: 1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley;^[a] it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath^[b] to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling,^[c] and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Romans 8: 6-11

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus^[a] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The Collect for today is at the top of the next page.

News from the Chaplaincy

The Collect for this Sunday:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:

Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever.



Please pray for;

Our special prayers must go out to everyone working in the healthcare sector at this time, and those working hard to supply their needs.

Please pray for and hold these people in your thoughts; Jose Maria; Gill W; Sister Ana; Sister Consuelo; Brother Anselm; Ron and Jeanette C; John K; Gemma P; Jose Luis; Avild G.

Our services.

We may not be open in the usual sense but St George's is alive and kicking! In fact more people seem to be in touch with each other than before!

Rev'd Fran Le Blanc is leading us in Holy Communion every Sunday at 11:30. The link will be available 10 minutes before the service starts, just go to our Facebook page or Google "St George's Madrid Facebook".

There is also a Compline service every night at 20:30 available on our Facebook page.

If you miss these times you can watch and listen later.

Orders of services can be found on our website www.stgeorgesmadrid.org under the "Virtual Services" tab.



Clock changes

Hands up those who didn't change their clocks?!

Let's look forward to some lovely spring and early summer evenings to be shared with good friends.



A prayer

Almighty God, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
That we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
And from all evils which may assault and hurt the soul;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Joy and Good news

In the midst of all the worries and anxieties a birth brings a great deal of joy. Many congratulations to Ian Deuchar's family and very specially to his son Rafa and daughter in law Alba on the arrival of baby Nora on Tuesday 9th March.

More good news came from Gillian whose friend has recovered from Covid-19 having been in ICU and is now ready to go home. Let's pray that we hear of many more recovering people.

Giving to St George's

I know, you've heard it all before. But today the situation is different. As no-one is going to church, the planned giving envelopes are not being collected. Unfortunately the Church still has overheads. Why not set up a standing order? It will be easy for you and better for the church. You can always go back to envelopes when we are out of this situation but you may even find it more convenient!

Our bank details are; The Comunion Anglicana de Madrid
IBAN ES97 2038 1065 5660 0114 6076



King Henry 8th had quite a few talents—as well as wives. He is reputed to have written this poem.

Green growth the holly
So doth the ivy

Though Winter winds blow ne'er so hard
Green growth the holly.

Green growth the holly
So doth the ivy

The God of love can never die
Hope saith the holly.



JESUS MAKES LAZARUS LIVE

John 11:1-44



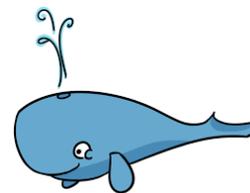
Jesus tells Lazarus to come out of the grave

Since being in lockdown we have found new ways to hold our Scout, Cub and Beaver meetings! We've already met online with 20 cubs, sent videos to Beavers, and set challenges for the Scouts! We started with personal challenges which will help during the quarantine, such as keep a diary, help with housework, hold a daily family meeting, learn a song while they wash their hands, help younger sibling to complete a task. They have also created rainbow posters for the front door with message of hope, and thanks to the medical teams. It's also a message to other children in their homes, to know they are not alone!



Howler of the week.

The largest mammals are to be found in the sea because there is nowhere else to put them.



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LAZARUS
BETHANY
SISTERS
MARTHA
MARY
OINTMENT
FEET
BROTHER
JUDAEA
TOMB
STONE
PRAYER

