



St St Vedast-alias-Foster

Peace and Contemplation in the City

NE NEWS FROM FOSTER LANE

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A message from Fr Paul inclusive of Easter Service details

All services are within an hour

Have you ever wondered why the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, during a whole day's walking, failed to recognise the risen Jesus or why Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for the gardener? It is because the risen Jesus is both the same and different to Jesus from Nazareth. The first Easter was a time of transformation: Easter 2021 is on the cusp of transformation. We are looking forward to the end of pandemic but the communities, the City of London, the Church that emerges will be both the same as Easter 2019 and different. The celebration of Easter 2020 was in a locked down courtyard. 2021 will be both restricted and emerging into the new normal. Grave clothes, and Zoom pyjamas, are being cast aside but what will we pick up?

It is in this transition that we will celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Maundy Thursday will be commemorated with an Agape, a meal of love, recalling the Last Supper. We will be in our own homes and celebrating via Zoom. The service will involve us eating together, either a small symbolic amount or a full meal, whichever feels appropriate. There will be a Bible reading, the account of the Passover Supper from Exodus, reflection, and conversation.

Maundy Thursday

12.15 pm Mass of the Last Supper St Vedast / St Vedast YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5Plrgy_zMhluHu-ZePfRQ?view_as=subscriber

6.30 pm Last Supper Agape - Join a shared meal from your home

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81774878521>

On Good Friday we start with Taize on the Moot Community YouTube channel at 8 am. We then have the Celebration of the Passion at 12 noon from St. Vedast and also on the St Vedast YouTube channel. As Jo, our organist, has been ill with covid, we are saving the music and singing for Easter Day. Our Good Friday service will be quieter, more meditative

drawing upon poetry, reflection, and silence. To be followed by hot cross buns and cake in the courtyard.

Good Friday

8 am Taize on Zoom / Moot Community YouTube Channel / St Mary Aldermary
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85041453235>

12 noon Celebration of the Passion St Vedast / St Vedast YouTube Channel

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Our Easter Day Parish Eucharist will be a celebration with choir voices and music.

11 am Parish Mass of the Resurrection St Vedast/St Vedast YouTube Channel

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Following covid guidelines holy water must wait, there will be the chance to commemorate our own baptisms with the questions:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you turn away from sin?

I do

Do you reject evil?

I do

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do

Imagining our courtyard on Easter morning, I am reminded that one of the Parish Clerks gave me some fizz and I've been lacking an occasion to drink it. Please join me in a socially distanced resurrection toast.

Easter Day

After the Sunday Service at St Vedast

Paul Kennedy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210467362>

Meeting ID: 892 1046 7362

Service information

You can join us for live weekday masses.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5Plrgy_zMhluHu-ZePfRQ?view_as=subscriber

Donate

As with most charities the lockdown has stretched our finances considerably. If you would like to donate, or catchup on your giving, the easiest way is online at:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/3020d4c5-77d2-4718-8e2c-d9047a66f720>

Or alternatively you can make a bank transfer to: CAF Bank LTD, 40-52-40, acct name St Vedast alias Foster, acct num 00024014