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We are committed to the best possible practice with regard to safeguarding.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Alison Eyer safeguarding@stgeorgesmadrid.org

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# Welcome to St George's

A spiritual home in the heart of Madrid

## February 23rd 2025 2nd Sunday before Lent

**08:30** Holy Communion (said)

10:00 Family Eucharist

(with Sunday School/Godly Play)

11:30 Sung Eucharist

Please stay and join us for refreshments after any of this morning's services

Evening Prayer is said in church on Wednesday at 19:30

### New to St George's?

Do introduce yourself to one of the ministry team after any of today's services.

We're delighted you've found us and we'd love to keep in touch.

Come and say hello on our website:

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## Readings at this morning's services

#### Genesis 2: 4b-9 & 15-end

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

#### Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith!' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him!'

### Confirmation at St George's

We are pleased to share that there is a service of Confirmation at St George's at the end of March. Confirmation preparation will be offered on consecutive Sundays in March and anyone intending to be confirmed will be expected to attend all the classes. If you are interested in exploring confirmation for yourself or for your child aged 13 and over, please have a word with Sal or Celia by next Sunday, 23rd February.

### **Lent Study Course**

Copies of our Lent book (in English or Spanish) will be available for purchase at 10€ from next Sunday, 23rd February. Please email or see Sal if you would like to reserve a copy.

The study course is based on Sam Wells' book, The Heart of it All, and promises to be both a fascinating and a rewarding Lent study course. All sessions will be online and at a time which best suits the majority of those who would like to take part. If you're interested in joining, please have a word with Sal or Celia by the end of February.

#### Psalm 65

Response (sung first by choir, then by all):

May the pastures of the wilderness
flow with goodness.



Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

#### **Revelation 4**

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'