



Prayer for the week

Mark 15

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

At the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Chapel :Palm Sunday Chapel, 6.30pm, Non School Uniform - Assembly Hall

From the Headmistress

Community - A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

Community is often a word that we associate with St George's. Many of you will have chosen this school for that very reason; you want your child (and hopefully you!) to be part of a community that works together for the benefit of all. Many of you will have already benefitted from being part of the St George's community. You may have found friends by standing on the side line of a cold rugby pitch; or perhaps had a productive relationship with your son/daughter's tutor and as a result have overcome difficulties as a result; or been revived by a hot cup of tea after an exhausting parents evening; or managed to retain some extra coppers by buying uniform at the pre-loved sale. Perhaps your child benefits from playing competitive rugby on a Saturday without recognising that is only possible, because another parent kindly gives up their time to make that possible. You may have enjoyed yourself at the Christmas Ball or perhaps you just revel in sipping Pimms on a hot sunny afternoon as you enjoy the delights of a traditional School Fete. Our sense of community makes us feel warm and fuzzy inside, and connected with others of a like mind.

We know that working together as a community; ensures that we work smarter; understand each other better; are tolerant of each other; and have a common goal. But community doesn't just happen. The best communities are built through sustained effort and continued interest by all. Consecutive generations need to work hard to ensure that the community they belong to not only survives, but also thrives for the generations who will follow. In talking to a group of sixth formers recently I reminded them that as Head of this amazing school part of my role is to be the custodian of the ethos, culture and

community spirit. Can I do that alone? No! Communities only thrive when we are all willing to play a part. That part can be small or large; it can be for an extended period of time or for a one off event; it can be done at a variety of locations; it doesn't have to involve a particular skill, but it could do if you have something particular to offer. We cannot stand on the side lines and expect our community to happen for us, we must play our own part in that. Sustaining community takes work.....hard work and time, but I know that as a community we can rise to that challenge and together we can make it happen!

So I encourage you....the next time you hear of something that needs doing in school, or that our PSA needs your help and support then don't automatically think that someone else will be doing it.....it may be time for you to stand up and be counted for whatever small part you can play in making our community a place of support, enjoyment and enrichment.

Part of that community spirit will be shared at the Skew Bridge Pub, on the 23rd of April, where the Head will be purchasing the first drink for anyone who comes along! I'll be in my jeans and a nice new top..... So come on down for a chat, none of us are on duty (so please don't come to complain!), we are just building our community!

HM

Click on the link [MissB_at_StGs](#) and follow me on Twitter 

News and Events

The visit of Bim Afolami MP

Niamh Hargadon, Year 12 writes...

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RSC Chemistry Olympiad 2018

The RSC Chemistry Olympiad is a national competition for the most able chemistry students.

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Places available on Space Camp 2019

There are still places available on the Space Camp trip in 2019 for students who are currently in Years 9 and 10

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LRC NEWS – SCHOLASTIC BOOK

FAIR

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Opera Concert at St George's

Tuesday 17th April

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Great Curry Run 2018

is going to be the biggest ever, with 582 runners

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AS Physics Olympiad success

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Reminders & Notices

Year 7 parents and those new to St Georges this year

On Thursday April 25th 7pm- 8pm in Assembly Hall Mr Davie will be talking through how St Georges addresses issues around Relationship and Sex Education, specifically the lesson taught in PSE that start after Easter. There will be opportunity for questions and we hope to equip you in supporting your son/daughter through this time of change in their lives. Alex Davie (DofL)

Year 8 Parents

During week commencing 26th March, year 8 students will be taking part in a Health Related Questionnaire along with several others in the area. This is part of work with the Local Authority and Public Health and cover topics such as Exercise, Eating Habits, Home, Family, Leisure, Money Well-being, Relationships. The questionnaire has been developed by the Healthy Schools Education Unit, Sheffield and has been run for over 30 years. This data will be collected anonymously, although students coming with their post code will allow the drawing of a map of results. No house will be identified. I have a hard copy of the questionnaire which can be viewed if you wish. I will make summary results available once they are published. Alex Davie (DofL)

PARENTPAY ALERTS

Tired of only finding out your child has no money on their lunch time account when they go overdrawn?

Did you know you can set up alerts to notify you when their accounts get low on money?

Go to your ParentPay account and click on Communication along the top. Then Alert settings. You can receive alerts via Email for free and via Text for a small fee. Register your email / mobile number and then set the threshold for the balance alert e.g. £5.00. This means that you will be alerted either by email or text when your child's account goes below £5.00 giving you time to top up before they go overdrawn.

Important Catering Information – THE GREAT CURRY RUN DAY

This will be held in school on Friday 27th April, 2018. On this day the ONLY lunch available in school will be the Great Curry Day lunch. Tickets must be purchased for this in advance, normal lunch allowances do not cover the cost of this meal. The SIXTH FORM REFECTORY will also be closed at lunch time on this day.

Lunch costs £3.60 of which a portion goes towards the charities being supported this year.

Lunch includes curry, rice, naan, poppadum, bhaji, either fruit or muffin and water bottle.

This is due by 9:00 am on Monday 23rd April and is payable through ParentPay. When ordering please state either MEAT OR VEGETARIAN OPTION in the notes field.

Tickets will be available for collection from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th April between 1pm and 2 pm in the Monk Foyer.

Please could all parents and carers ensure their students have enough money on their accounts to cover food purchases in school for the last week of term.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Call the absence telephone line 01582 765477 or email absent@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk Please state the pupil's name, year group, tutor group and reason for absence

Further to my notice last term, may I remind you that all students sitting public exams in the summer will be bringing home statements of entry to check in the next few weeks. This is an important process, and I will post a copy of the notes issued to help in the Exams area of the website (access from Learning or Information on the home page.)

MEDICAL INFORMATION

[Scarlet fever advice, tiredness tips, info on heavy periods + more? utm_source=BCmagma&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter 23rd March 2018]NHS Choices - Your Health March 2018 - Scarlet fever advice, tiredness tips, info on heavy periods + more? utm_source=BCmagma&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter 23rd March 2018

IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Vacancies

[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW ALL CURRENT JOB VACANCIES AT THE SCHOOL

Letters Home

Year 12 - 2019 Leavers 18+ Going SomeWhere? booklet

The booklet was distributed at the Year 12 Parent/Student Information Evening on Wednesday, 21st March 2018. It is also available to download from Moodle - Sixth Form Centre - Information Booklets/Presentations.

PE Fixtures

Please ensure you are following or have access to the Boys & Girls twitter account for any late notice changes to fixtures. The last few weeks have been very frustrating due to the home pitches being unplayable and we are glad to have been able to move games to the away venues.

[@StgeorgesboysPE](#)

[@StgeorgesgirlsPE](#)

PSA

The latest edition of the PSA newsletter is now available to view and download from the school website— please [click here](#)

You can contact the PSA at psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

Parental Support

Keystone Events

[Growth Mindset - Guide for Parents April 23rd, 2018](#)

[Phonics for Reading Worksh Monday 16th April 2018](#)

[Modelling Mindfulness - Thu 26th April 2018](#)

Harpenden Plus Partnership

[Families Feeling Safe - April/May/June 2018](#)

To find out what's happening in our Community please [CLICK HERE](#)

Scouts Disco

Friday 20th April

Kit Porter, Year 8, is fundraising for his trip to the next World Scout Jamboree in America in Summer 2019. One of the organised events is the disco in April.

[Read more...](#)

Race Night

Saturday 5th May

Herbie Barwell, Year 9, is fund raising for a Scout Trip to Ghana in 2019.

[Read more...](#)

Harpenden Carnival 2018

Saturday 10th June 2017

Harpenden Common
12.30pm - 5pm

[Read more.....](#)

Calendar

March		
Sat	24	Lacrosse 1sts and 2nds v The Georgians, U15 and U14 and U13 and U12 intra school tournament, home
Sun	25	Palm Sunday Chapel, 6.30pm, School Uniform - Assembly Hall
Mon	26	4pm Teaching and Learning Committee and Alban Federation Subject Mentors' Meeting
Tue	27	Mindfulness Program, 30 Year 7 students, 3.45pm Y13 Theatre Studies Final Scripted exam
Wed	28	Staff v students chess Old Library Y12 Geography Trip Returns Full Governors Meeting, 7pm
Thu	29	End of term, dismissal from 11am
Fri	30	

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Don't forget to like us on Facebook. It is a great way of keeping up with news and events at school and the more we have online presence, the more people will be aware of cyber communication and how to keep each other safe

<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgharpenden>



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