

## WHAT SONG ARE WE SINGING?

### Paul Murray reflects on Exodus 15:2

Have you a favourite film? Mine is Casablanca. Partly because the star actress is Ingrid Bergman but also because of one scene in Rick's Cafe. Set in wartime, German soldiers are enjoying themselves with wine and they begin to sing one of the Nazi anthems. In an act of defiance, the French spontaneously burst into the French national anthem - La Marseillaise - which gathers momentum and triumphantly drowns out the Nazi song.

In another film - Cabaret - set in mid 1930s Germany, a group of actors sing their song which fades away as a group of Nazi sympathizers drown them out with their anthem. The actors slope off in silence with no protest.

Moses and the Israelites had a song to sing in Exodus 15. They were so joyful having just seen the Red Sea part and then their enemies drown in it. **Exodus 15:2** says, ***The Lord is my strength and my song: He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise Him, My father's God, and I will exalt Him.***

Our song is called, ***Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.***

Our song needs to be sung and heard and not be drowned out.

Let's sing it Casablanca style not with a Cabaret whimper!

Let's sing it together as we walk the Jesus way!!

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Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910

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The Parish Church  
of Water Orton

Sunday 8th March

# Welcome to Saint Peter & Saint Paul's

Our Vision:

To prepare a community to meet the Christ

Our Mission:

To worship God, grow believers and make believers

Our Values:

Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom



# 8th March – Third Sunday of Lent

## Today's Readings:

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

## This Week's Collect Prayer

Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern  
your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection  
we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Welcoming Prayer

Father, lead us and guide us as we grow  
together in your family. May our church  
show your love to new friends and may  
more hearts be full of your love.  
Amen

## Church Weekend Away

This year, our weekend at Cloverley  
Hall is Friday 10th - Sunday 12th July.  
Please sign up at the back of church.

**(There is a limited number of en-suites)**

If you would like to pay in instalments,  
please speak to Judith or Paul.

## Today

9.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Contemporary Worship  
(with children's groups)

3.30 pm Quest Family - The Link

## Next Sunday 15th March

9.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Contemporary Worship  
(with children's groups)

## Please pray...

For the residents of Ludgate Close

For Iran



Heavenly Father, we pray for the leaders of Iran. Grant them repentant hearts to see the folly of their oppression of their own people, and to recognise their sin of desiring to wipe your people Israel off the map. Thank you that you are sovereign over every authority. We trust you to direct leadership toward righteousness that brings stability and hope. We pray you would strengthen believers throughout Iran with boldness and unwavering faith. Guard them from fear and fill them with courage rooted in your promises. May you empower them with spiritual resilience, that their faith would be a light shining in every circumstance. Amen

## Book Club - Saturday 18th April 2.00 pm at the vicarage

'The Heavenly Man' by Brother Yun, a man who has "suffered prolonged torture and imprisonment for his faith." Second hand copies are available from Awesome Books, World of Books or eBay. New copies can be bought from Amazon or Eden.

## This week...

### Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am The church is open for the Food Bank

10.00 am Morning Prayer-Common Worship on Zoom & in church

### Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom

7.30 pm Music Group

9.00 pm Compline on Zoom

### Thursday

9.00-10.00 am Contemporary Prayer Meeting at the vicarage **(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME AND VENUE. THIS WILL NO LONGER BE ON ZOOM)**

7.30 pm Choir

### Friday

10.30 am Lent Study at the White City Community Centre

12 for 12.30 Meet & Eat at The Link

### Saturday

10.00 am The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer

## Remaining Lent Study Meetings at the White City Community Centre

Fridays: 20th & 27th March at 10.30 am

## Future Dates

Saturday 28th March at 5.30 pm - Thrive Social at the vicarage

Friday 3rd April at 10.00 am – Good Friday Service in church

Friday 3rd April at 2.00 - 3.00 pm – Last Hour of the Cross in church

Sunday 5th April at 9.00 and 11.00 am – Easter Celebration Services

Sunday 5th April at 3.00 pm – Said Communion Service