

Notices :

Welcome to the Eucharist today. We are delighted to meet visitors and newcomers after the service, when drinks will be served in the Parish Hall. Wine or coffee is available for 1.5 euro: the money goes towards choir funds.

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin ou une tasse de café (1.5 euro) après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

A huge thank you to Fr Barry Orford, who is providing cover for Fr Mark's holiday this year.

From 14th July the Summer Programme means that there will be no public offices and Masses except on Thursday at 6.30pm and Saturday at 12 noon. Sunday services will be as usual.

The Library is currently holding the remains of the Christmas Bazaar's Book Stall. My apologies to our young people but it's unavailable for use until bookshops come and pick up the 1500 books in bags!

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Simone Rabaud, Maxie Stavritch, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Irene Hicks, Gregor Dallas, Prudence Kupka, Kenneth Nyakana, Grace Valéry, Janine Stockton, Mary Berg, Maroussia, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Laurence, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jean-Paul Buffet, Pascale Stephany, Muriel Lamoureux Isabelle Foulon, Angela Carone, Pier Luigi Galli, Paul Bultez, Anitha Yannick, Pascale Stephany, Marie-Therese, Ophelie Gourbault, Isabelle Foulon, Angela Casone, Paul Bultez, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Nathaniel Vuillard, Françoise Guibert.

And for those who have died recently: Lucie Razafinmanjaro, Tim Berlet, Mialisoa Tsiory Ranaivoson.

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8th after Trinity (Proper 14): 11th August 2019

A warm welcome to St George's. You will find the readings and hymn numbers on this newsletter, hymns are in the green book and the service outline is in the cream booklets. During the Summer months our choir takes a well-earned holiday and the setting of the Mass is sung congregationally. The setting today is **Merbecke (542)** in the hymn book.

Until 1st September we enjoy a reduced timetable with no public offices and masses except on Thursday evening and Saturday lunchtime. Sunday School restarts on the 8th September.

This week:

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| Sunday 11 th | Trinity 7 0830 1030 | Mass Solemn Mass Preacher: Fr Barry Orford |
| Monday 12 th | <i>Feria</i> | |
| Tuesday 13 th | <i>Jeremy Taylor, teacher of the faith</i> | |
| Wednesday 14 th | <i>Maximilian Kolbe, martyr</i> | |
| Thursday 15 th | <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 1830 | Mass |
| Friday 16 th | <i>Feria</i> | |
| Saturday 17 th | <i>Feria</i> 1200 | Mass |
| Sunday 18 th | Trinity 8 8.30am 10.30am | Mass Solemn Mass Preacher: Fr Mark Osborne |

Chaplain: Fr. Mark Osborne
Assistant Curate: Fr. Nicolas Razafindratsima
Director of Music: Dr Peter Hicks
Secretary: Anne Fothergill
Churchwardens: Janet Schofield and Peter Hicks
Church Council Secretary: Sonia Taylor



Please stand for the opening hymn (383) when the bell rings. The service continues in the yellow service books on page 1. Please stand or kneel, if you are able, while we sing the Kyries and Gloria by Merbecke (542).

Opening Prayer

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading (Janet) : Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Please remain seated to sing hymn (397).

Second Reading (Natasha) : Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (149).

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Creed

You will find the Creed by Merbecke (542) in the hymnbook.

Intercessions (John Crothers) :

Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

Please stand for the hymn (432) at the preparation of the altar. All who are baptised and communicant members of one of the Christian churches are welcome to receive communion with us. Those who are prevented from doing so by their conscience, or the discipline of their Church, are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing at the time of communion.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand for the hymn (483). After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave.