

Notices :

We continue to advance into the 'new normal' in Paris. Congregations across the world have discovered that it is often coming out of lockdown rather than the extended period of isolation that is harder. Please pray for each other—and yourselves—that we will be preserved from making judgements about how well or not we feel either we or others have managed this extraordinary time.

Next Sunday our preacher will be the Rev'd Elizabeth Dean. Elizabeth (and Noel) are moving to Geneva where she will serve as the locum priest for the next three months. We celebrate God's goodness in creation at the Harvest Festival. This will be on Sunday 4th October. We will be collecting for the *banque alimentaire* at St Pierre de Chaillot.

St George's Theology Book Club is about offering a forum for theological reflection, debate and discussion so we can grow in faith. It is especially intended as a way in which adult formation can continue through the autumn and winter of 2020/21, during which time it is highly likely at least some elements of Covid restrictions will remain in place. For this reason, our book club will meet once a month online via Zoom. Our first book is **Mere Christianity** by C.S. Lewis on Thursday 1st October at 20h30. Our second is **The Breath of Night** by Michael Arditti on 5th November and our final novel is Alessandro Manzoni's **The Betrothed** on 3rd December. All these books are available cheaply on bookfinder.com or Amazon.fr. More details will be available on the website.

Bible Study at St George's will also continue by Zoom this autumn; beginning on Thursday 17th October it will continue every Thursday 20h30 for an hour. We will look at the Letters of St John. More details will be available on the website.

Our customary pattern of worship begins again this week. Research reviewed by the New England Journal of Medicine, John Hopkins University and The Lancet agree that the virus does not remain on printed material after 24 hours. Books of Common Prayer will be made available. Distancing will apply in the Chapel.

Morning and Evening Prayer are posted daily to St George's YouTube channel by a small team and have a congregation of roughly 20 people across the globe. Would you be willing to join the team? You need wifi and either an iphone/android or a computer with camera. You are not leading live worship but making a resource available—promise it's not at all scary!

The use of online worship both to inform and inspire but also to act as a way of inviting others into the household of faith, people have found helpful. We are therefore putting together a group from the morning and afternoon congregations to work on the best camera/lighting/sound configuration for St George's. The group will work in French. If you'd like to be a part of this initiative, or would be willing to give professional advice, please speak to Fr Mark.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Paul Bultez, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Isabelle Foulon, Ophélie Gourbault, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Mirentxu Le Maire, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick and for Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Maxie Stavritch, Françoise Guibert, Betty Harvey.

St George's Paris

15th Sunday after Trinity : 20th September 2020

A warm welcome to St George's. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the **Missa 'Puisque j'ay perdu'** by Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594) and the motet during Communion will be **Domine, labia mea aperies** by Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594). The Gloria and Creed are congregational and will use the **Missa de Angelis**. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople in order to protect each other:

- ◆ Fill up your row from the centre to ensure others won't have to squeeze past you!
- ◆ Wear your mask at all times unless you are receiving Holy Communion
- ◆ Wipe your seat and surroundings with antiseptic wipes
- ◆ You will be directed to approach the altar by the sidespeople for Communion—there are marked crosses on the floor to ensure appropriate distancing.
- ◆ Holy Communion will be given under one kind only.

Sunday 20th	Trinity 15 (Proper 20) 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) 1030 Solemn Mass 1730 Eucharist in Caen followed by Annual Meeting
Monday 21st	Matthew, apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday 22nd	Feria 1800 Evensong 1830 Eucharist
Wednesday 23rd	Ember Day 1200 Eucharist 1800 Evensong
Thursday 24th	Feria 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 25th	Ember Day, Lancelot Andrewes, bishop
Saturday 26th	Ember Day, Wilson Carlisle, founder of the Church Army 1200 Eucharist
Sunday 27th	Trinity 16 (Proper 21) 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) 1030 Solemn Mass Preacher: The Rev'd Elizabeth Dean

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.**

**Oh, magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all who on his succour trust.**

**Oh, make but trial of his love, experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight, your wants shall be his care.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.**

Greeting

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

*The celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation
for our celebration together. The choir sings the Kyries..*

Penitential Rite

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

**We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

We sing the Gloria together (de Angelis).

Gloria

**Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We
praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee we glorify thee, we give thanks
to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb
of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O
Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sings the **Agnus Dei.**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

The celebrant invites the people to Communion

**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.**

*During this emergency Holy Communion will be given in its fullness in the Bread alone. 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. If you
are reading this at home you may like to use the following prayer:*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.
As though you were already there I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

**Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right:
lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside; upon thy Guide lean, and his mercy will provide;
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove, Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.**

Blessing

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

May God the... **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

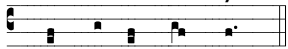
**Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.**

**Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**

**Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'**

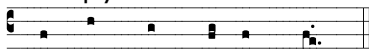
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



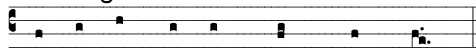
and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

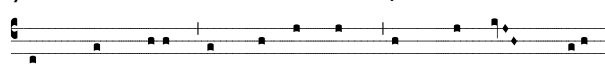
The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith



Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen. We remain standing to pray together

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Opening Prayer

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 145:1-8)

*I will magnify thee, O God, my King * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto thee * and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised * there is no end of his greatness. One generation shall praise thy works unto another * and declare thy power. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works; So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts * and I will also tell of thy greatness. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed * and men shall sing of thy righteousness. The Lord is gracious, and merciful * long-suffering, and of great goodness.*

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Please stand for the gradual hymn

**Father, hear the prayer we offer: not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (De Angelis)

**We believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made,
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

We remain standing to pray together. At the end of each petition this response is used

Not our will: but your will, Lord, be done.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

**The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace without touching—please use the Namaste or a bow of the head (a smile is really good too!). Our financial offering will be brought up by the Sidespeople from the Lower Landing table.

**'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:
'lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts to-day.**