

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.

Many thanks to the eager gardeners who turned out on Saturday to tidy the garden for the winter. **Congratulations to Michael Chambers** who has generously become Chair of the Gardening Committee. We're looking to do another day in November. Looking forward we planted bulbs too!

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of *Robert Waterland* who have postponed his memorial service and for all whose mourning and celebration is disrupted by Covid-19.

Wednesday is a Zoom PCC meeting. Details of how to join the meeting will be sent out during the week.

The banque alimentaire continues to collect your donations—please leave them in the small drawers on the middle landing.

A huge thanks to Fr Matthew who will be celebrating the Eucharist on Saturday this week to allow me to go to the Abbey of Le Bec.

St George's Theology Book Club began with an interesting discussion on CS Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. It 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 second book 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; our next session is on Thursday 15th October at 20h30. We are looking at the Letters of St John. More details will be available on the website. You can join in at any point in the series!

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!

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 Clare and Emilio, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.*

Those who have died: *Gabriel Mary Dalton,*

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St George's Paris

18th Sunday after Trinity : 11th October 2020

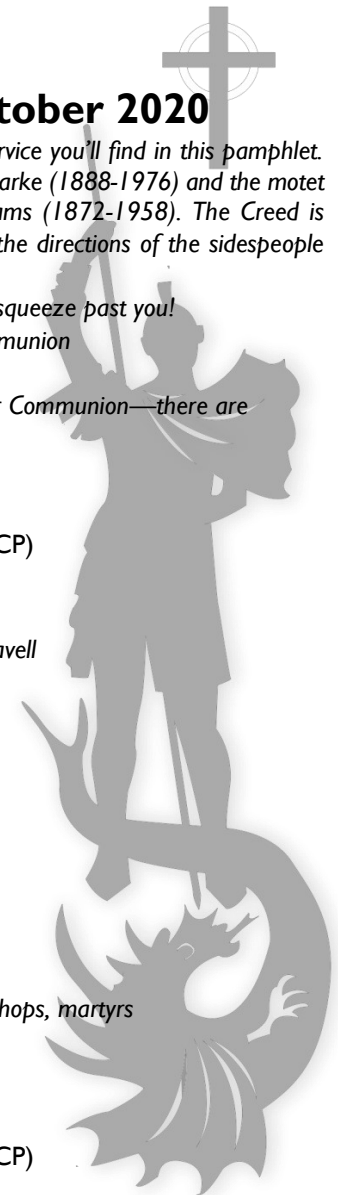
A warm welcome to St George's. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the **Communion Service in F** by Harold Darke (1888-1976) and the motet during Communion will be **O taste and see** by Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). The Creed is congregational and during October will be by **Shaw**. 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 11th	Trinity 18 (Proper 23) 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) 1030 Solemn Mass 1730 Caen Mass
Monday 12th	<i>Wilfrid of York, Elizabeth Fry, Edith Cavell</i>
Tuesday 13th	<i>Edward the Confessor, king</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Eucharist
Wednesday 14th	<i>Feria</i> 1200 Eucharist 1800 Evensong
Thursday 15th	<i>Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 16th	<i>Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs</i>
Saturday 17th	<i>Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr</i> 1200 Eucharist
Sunday 18th	Trinity 19 (Proper 24) 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) 1030 Solemn Mass 1730 Caen Mass

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a cornerstone stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon, see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise, towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed each to his allotted place, kings and priests, by God anointed, shall ye not declare his grace? Ye, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth, tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into light, broke the fetters that enthralled you, gave you freedom, peace and sight: tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored, till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord.

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 and Gloria.

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.

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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son

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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

The Church of God a kingdom is, where Christ in power doth reign; where spirits yearn till, seen in bliss, their Lord shall come again.

Glad companies of saints possess this Church below, above; and God's perpetual calm doth bless their paradise of love.

An altar stands within the shrine whereon, once sacrificed, is set, immaculate, divine, the Lamb of God, the Christ.

There rich and poor, from countless lands, praise God on mystic rood; there nations reach forth holy hands to take God's holy food.

There pure life-giving streams o'erflow the sower's garden-ground; and faith and hope fair blossoms show, and fruits of love abound.

O King, O Christ, this endless grace to us and all men bring, to see the vision of your face in joy, O Christ, our King.

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.

**O haste the time, make short the days
Till all our cries dissolve in praise.**

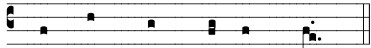
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



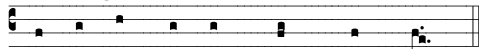
and al-so with you.

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.

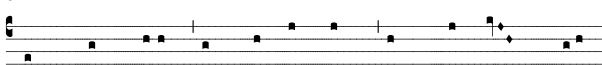
The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the Sanctus.

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 risen. 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.**

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.**

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: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 23)

*The Lord is my shepherd * therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Please stand for the gradual hymn

**O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!**

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Shaw)

*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

As you have called us : **Lord, we come.**

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.

**O Christ the Lord, O Christ the King,
Who wide the gates of death didst fling,
Whose place upon creation's throne
By Easter triumph was made known,
Rule now on earth from realms above,
Subdue the nations by thy love.**

**Lord, vindicate against men's greed
The weak, whose tears thy justice plead;
Thy pity, Lord, on men who lie
Oppressed by war and tyranny;
Show them the cross which thou didst bear,
Give them the power that conquered there.**

**Let those whose pride usurps thy throne
Acknowledge thou art Lord alone;
Cause those whose lust torments mankind
Thy wrath to know, thy mercy find;
Make all the rebel world proclaim
The mighty power of thy blest name.**

**So shall creation's bondage cease,
Its pangs of woe give birth to peace;
And all the earth, redeemed by thee,
Shall know a glorious liberty:**