

Notices :

Christmas Services at St George's 2020

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have added two services to our usual rota. An Eucharist for families (no restriction on the sort of family!) and an additional Eucharist on Christmas afternoon.

Online booking will be for **all** these services: please visit the website to make your free reservations. It is impossible, under our current system of booking, to account for the additional members of your bubble who will take up the empty seats next to you. Please be patient with the sidespeople as they make the most of our seating.

Booking will continue for the main Sunday service until further notice.

Christmas Communion: Fr Mark is very willing to bring Holy Communion to the sheltering. He does not need to sit down—or have a glass of something! Holy Communion will be put into the ciborium using the metal tongues here in Church and then the Communicant will administer your own Holy Communion. Please encourage those who continue to shelter to contact Fr Mark to receive Holy Communion.

Fr Mark will be away from The Epiphany. He is returning to pack up his parents house after their move to sheltered accommodation. Fr Grant Holmes is coming to Paris and will cover the offices, weekday and Sunday masses. Fr Grant is looking forward to moving to Paris in April with Fr Jeffrey. Fr Mark will return for Sunday 17th January.

We regret to announce that Paul Sherrell died peacefully on Sunday 29th November. Fr Martin was in contact with Janet from the start of his final illness and will speak at his funeral at St Nicholas, Saltdean (not St Nicholas, Brighton) on Thursday 17 December at 14h30 GMT. A Memorial Service will be held at St George's in 2021. If you would like to contact Janet personally please ask Anne for her contact details via the Office.

The Carol Service this year will be online. We will aim to involve as many readers and musicians as we can and the service will be released at 18h00 today, Sunday 20th December.

Midday Prayer is continuing at 13h00 until 23rd December. To offer 15 minutes of quiet reflection from your computer—you don't even need to turn your screen on!

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, Amy Linton, Mirentxu Le Maire, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Paul Sherrell, Carol Hughie and all who have died this week of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

Fourth Sunday of Advent : 20.12.2020

A warm welcome to St George's online worship this week. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the **Short Communion Service (in the Phrygian Mode)** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the Communion Motet is **Kindle a light** by Michael Fleming (1928 - 2006).

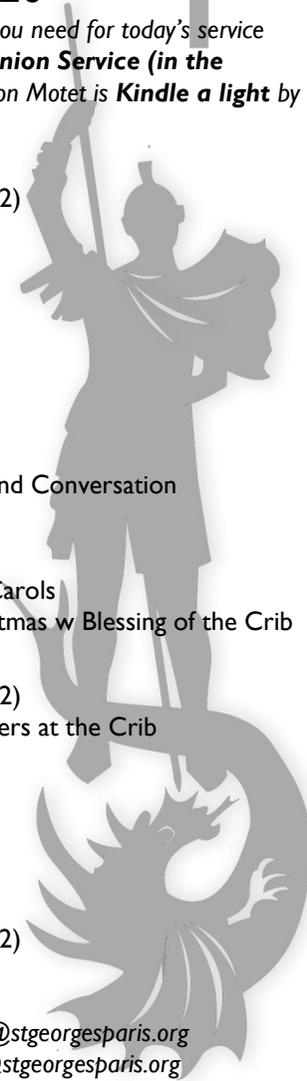
Sunday 20th	Advent IV	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)
	1030	Sung Eucharist
Monday 21st	<i>O Oriens</i>	
Tuesday 22nd	<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	
	1800	Evensong
	1830	Mass
Wednesday 23rd	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	
	1200	Mass
	1300	Zoom Midday Prayer and Conversation
	1800	Evensong
Thursday 24th	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	1730	Family Eucharist with Carols
	2200	Midnight Mass of Christmas w Blessing of the Crib
Friday 25th	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)
	1030	Solemn Mass with Prayers at the Crib
	1615	Messe Malgache
	1745	Messe Malgache
Saturday 26th	<i>Stephen, deacon</i>	
	1200	Mass
Sunday 27th	1st Sunday of Christmas	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)
	1030	Solemn Eucharist

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The Gathering

The choir will sing a verse of the Advent Prose as the Entrance Antiphon—**please note the seasonal changes which you find in this sheet.** As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.**

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

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Opening Prayer

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Whilst 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.*

*During Communion the Choir sings the motet **Kindle a Light.***

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone, Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high! Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay: To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai, Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain clothed in awe, Gavest thy folk the ancient Law.**

**O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave, From nether hell, thy people save.**

**O Come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road, And bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, Desire of nations! show Thy kingly reign on earth below
Thou Cornerstone, uniting all, Restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

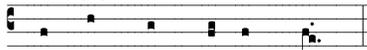
Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

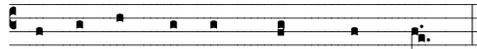
The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

At the end of the prayer we all respond

... in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

*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.

Breaking of the bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing 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.

brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders* of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me;* your throne shall be established for ever.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm for the day (Ps 89.1-4, 19-26).

*My song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord * with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another. For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen * I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever * and set up thy throne from one generation to another. For the Lord is our defence * the Holy One of Israel is our King. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst * I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant * with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast * and my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence * the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. I will smite down his foes before his face * and plague them that hate him. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him * and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his dominion also in the sea * and his right hand in the floods.*

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gradual

**To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love, All pray in their distress,
And to these virtues of delight Return their thankfulness.**

**For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love, Is God our Father dear;
And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love, Is Man, his child and care.**

**For Mercy has a human heart, Pity, a human face;
And Love, the human form divine, And Peace, the human dress.**

**Then every man, of every clime, That prays in his distress,
Prays to the human form divine: Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon is by the Chaplain.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Merbecke)

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

Living God: **let your kingdom 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.

Of the Father's heart begotten, Ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that Fountain, All that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close, Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas done; Earth and sky and boundless ocean, Universe of three in one, All that sees the moon's soft radiance, All that breathes beneath the sun, Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body, Frail and feeble, doomed to die, That the race from dust created Might not perish utterly, Which the dreadful Law had sentenced In the depths of hell to lie, Evermore and evermore.

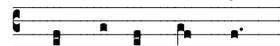
O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved, Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received, Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil Sang in ages long gone by; This is he of old revealed In the page of prophecy; Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry! Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring, Every tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering, Evermore and evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and also with you.