

## Notices :

**The Church Council** is meeting online on Tuesday 12th January. A link will be sent out on Monday to members of the Council.

**The Bible Study** will restart on Thursday 14th January. **The Book Group** meets again on Thursday 11th February. Details of the course will be sent out via MailChimp.

**Giving at St George's:** now is the time to consider if you would like to top-up your giving to St George's for this tax year. If you pay tax in France and give by either standing order or cheque, you can have up to 66% of your giving to St George's deducted from your income tax liability. More details are available from Fr Mark or our Treasurer, Mike Orrin.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Goubault, 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:** Brenda Brady, those who have died of Covid-19.

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# St George's, Paris

## The Baptism of Christ : 10th January 2021

A warm welcome to St George's worship this week—online or in person Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings **Missa Sancta Crucis in G** by Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) and the motet during Communion will be **It was a star** by Howard Skempton (b. 1947).

Sunday 10th	<b>The Baptism of Christ</b> 0830 Holy Communion (1662) 1030 Solemn Eucharist
Monday 11th	Mary Slessor, missionary
Tuesday 12th	Aelred of Riveaulx, abbot 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 13th	Hilary of Poitiers, bishop, teacher of the faith 1200 Mass
Thursday 14th	Epiphany Feria 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 15th	Epiphany Feria
Saturday 16th	Epiphany Feria 1200 Mass
Sunday 17th	<b>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b> 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Mass

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## The Gathering

*As the bell rings, we stand to sing.*

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose, As of that Rose the Stem;  
The Root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end, And round his piercèd feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

### Greeting

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord 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.*

### 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.*

## Invitation to Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

**Lord, give us this bread for ever.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. If you don't want to receive Holy Communion 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.*

*Please follow the directions of the Sides-people.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Thou whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight, hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray  
Let there be light!**

**Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind  
Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight; move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!**

**Blessed and holy Three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride, through the world, far and wide,  
Let there be light!**

## Blessing

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

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

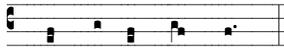
**Amen**

The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!**

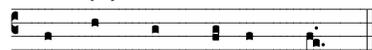
### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



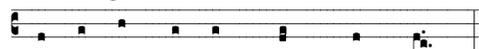
**and also with you.**

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.*

*During the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the mystery of faith by using the following:*

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 **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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God is here among us,**

**light in the midst of us,**

**bring us to light and life.**

*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.*

### 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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for this evening (Psalm 29).*

*Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord \* ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength. Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name \* worship the Lord with holy worship. It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters \* it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder. It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation \* the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees \* yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus. He maketh them also to skip like a calf \* Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness \* yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes \* in his temple doth every man speak of his honour. The Lord sitteth above the water-flood \* and the Lord remaineth a King for ever. The Lord shall give strength unto his people \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

### Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

**Gradual**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high! How passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame, And he himself to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked hands betrayed, Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns  
arrayed, For us he bore the cross's death, for us at length gave up his  
breath.

For us he rose from death again; For us he went on high to reign;  
For us he sent his Spirit here To guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

All honour, laud and glory be, O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee,  
All glory as is ever meet, to Father and to Paraclete.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Sermon**

*Please be seated for the sermon. Our preacher is Fr Grant Holmes.*

**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.

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

May the Spirit of God: **fill us to overflowing.**

*After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude*

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 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
for truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the Name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;**