

Notices :

Don't forget Ascension Day this Thursday. The Eucharist is at 10h30. St Michael's have been invited but Thursday is their recording day so the Chaplain, the Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, sends his apologies!

The Technology Group—managing the installation of a loop system, wifi and recording system in church—will meet on Tuesday 11th May at 19h00 by Zoom. If you'd like to add your expertise please contact Fr Mark who will add you to the invitation.

A Gardening Day has been organised for Saturday 15th May between 13h00-16h00. No experience required!

Services in Caen begin again on Sunday 16th May. They will have a Eucharist at 1100 each Sunday till the Summer to help the congregation come back together. We are grateful to Fr Grant Holmes who will help the clergy maintain that rota.

Public worship will restart on Wednesday 19th May. Masks and distancing will continue to be required in church. There will be no refreshments before the 30th June—the Chaplaincy Council will consider when to restart Cheese and Wine after that date.

The Chaplaincy Council meets on Tuesday 18th May at 1900 by Zoom.

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 30th May. Notices are up on the Board.

The Electoral Roll is being brought up to date. If you would like to join please fill out a form available on the way out of Church on the round table by the exit. If you are already on the list—no action is required.

Please sign up for the Flower Rota—at the top of the stairs. If you don't want to arrange flowers you might like to sponsor the flowers in memory of someone, in thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary.

Stations of the Cross/Stations of the Resurrection will continue during Eastertime on Wednesdays at 19h00.

The Theology Book Club is an opportunity to look at some favourite novels and poems through the eyes of faith and see what they tell us of God, and the life of the Spirit. The group meets online on the last Thursday of each month at 20h30. Our choices are:

The Wreck of the Deutschland by Gerard Manley Hopkins on Thursday 22nd June
An Unsuitable Attachment by Barbara Pym on Thursday 24th July

And for your summer holidays you might like to pack :

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

which we'll discuss on Thursday 30th September.

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, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Gourbault, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Amy Linton, Mirentxu Le Maire, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Alec Graham, bishop; All who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

The Ascension of the Lord : 10h30 13th May 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 the **Communion Service in E** by Harold Darke (1888-1976) and the anthem is **Surrexit Christus** by Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

Thursday 13th	Ascension Day
1030	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
Friday 14th	Matthias, apostle
Saturday 15th	Of Our Lady
1200	Eucharist
Sunday 16th	Seventh Sunday of Easter
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
1030	Solemn Eucharist
1600	Office Malgache—ONLINE

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluya!

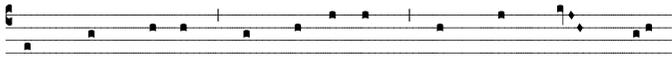
There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; take the King of glory in. Alleluya!

See the heaven its Lord receives; Alleluya!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluya!
Though returning to his throne, still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!

See! He lifts his hands above; Alleluya!
See! He shows the prints of love: Alleluya!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!



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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

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.**

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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn.

**The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal Light:**

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

We remain seated as the choir sings the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 98).

*O sing unto the Lord a new song * for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm * hath he gotten himself the victory. The Lord declared his salvation * his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands * sing, rejoice, and give thanks. Praise the Lord upon the harp * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving. With trumpets also, and shawms * O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is * the round world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord * for he is come to judge the earth. With righteousness shall he judge the world * and the people with equity.*

Second Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Please stand for the gradual hymn

**O King most high of earth and sky On prostrate death thou treadest,
And with thy blood dost mark the road Whereby to heaven thou ledest.
Christ, behold thine orphaned fold, Which thou hast borne with anguish,
Steeped in the tide from thy rent side: O leave us not to languish!
The glorious gain of all thy pain Henceforth dost thou inherit;
Now comes the hour—then gently shower On us thy promised Spirit!**

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon. Our preacher is the Associate Chaplain.

Creed

We stand for the Profession of Faith

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

Let the kingdom come: **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

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father, alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ 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!). before singing the hymn at the Preparation of the Table.

**See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph; See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, his chariot, To his heavenly palace gate.
Hark! the choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heavenly King.**

**Who is this that comes in glory, With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies, He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan, He by death has spoiled his foes.**

**He has raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places, There with him in glory stand:
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in thine ascension We by faith behold our own.**

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm has won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit, To One God in persons Three;
Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.**

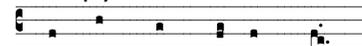
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



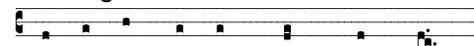
and al-so with you.

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.