#### **Notices:**

**Welcome to the Eucharist today.** We are delighted to meet visitors and newcomers after the service, when drinks will be served in the Parish Hall. Wine is 2€ but the coffee is free! **Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.** Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin ou une tasse de café après la messe dans la salle paroissiale. Le vin est à 2€ mais le café est gratuit! Si vous êtes de

There is a Parish Lunch today. Cost 10€ payable over drinks.

passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

A huge thank you! We've had the most amazing few days with a real spirit of generosity and kindness in making this first Bazaar since the pandemic a real success even before we opened our doors. Pamela Hamilton led us brilliantly, Christopher Chantrey was as ever irreplaceable but to everyone who—like the chains of hands replacing the chairs at the end of the Bazaar last night—volunteered their time, baked, cooked, sewed, sang or brewed a cup of tea—thank you. Our provisional total is a miraculous 8135€

Good news for tax payers! The fiscal deduction on identifiable donations has been increased from 66% to 75% for the period from 2/6/21 to 31/12/22 (within the limit of 20% of "revenu imposable".) This means the net cost to you of a €100 donation would be reduced to €25 instead of €34. For example, increasing the donation to €130 would result in same net cost of €34 previously! Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.

**The Theology Book Club** is an opportunity to look at some favourite novels and poems through the eyes of faith. The group meets online on the last Thursday of each month at 20h30. We're reading the following for the next few months:

**The Song of Hild** Vibeke Vasbo ISBN 978-1-910519-86-8 on the 28th January **Christ Recrucified** Nikos Kazantzakis on the 24th February

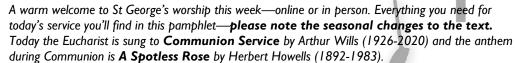
In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Mary Berg, Janet Birkins, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, John Cooper, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Gourbault, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Mirentxu Le Maire, Stacey McAdams, Giulia Miles, Rosemary Neale, Kenneth Nyakana, Grace Valéry, Fr Alan Warren, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

**Those who have died:** Bill McChesney, All who have died of Covid-19.

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# St George's Paris





Sunday 28t	h 0830 1030 1130	Ist Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Fr Mark Sung Eucharist Preacher: Fr Mark Caen Eucharist Very Rev'd Jeffrey John
Monday 29	th 0915/0930 1800	Advent Weekday Morning Prayer & Eucharist Evensong
Tuesday 30th 0915 1800/1830		Andrew the Apostle Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday	y Ist 1200 1800/1815	Charles de Foucould Eucharist Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament
Thursday 2	nd 0915 1800/1830	Advent Weekday Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 3rd		Francis Xavier
Saturday 41	th 1200	John of Damascus, teacher of the faith Eucharist
Sunday 5th	0830 1030 1800	2nd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Fr Jeffrey Solemn Eucharist Preacher: Fr Jeffrey Caen Carol Service

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent the Advent Prose (**501**) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (NEH 14):

The advent of our God With eager prayers we greet, And singing haste upon his road His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son Scorns not a Virgin's womb; That we from bondage may be won He bears a bondsman's doom.

Daughter of Sion, rise To meet thy lowly King, Let not thy stubborn heart despise The peace he comes to bring.

In clouds of dazzling light, As Judge he comes again, His scattered people to unite With them in heaven to reign.

Let evil flee away Ere that dread hour shall dawn, Let this old Adam day by day The new Man all put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father and with Spirit One, To all eternity. Amen. to all eternity.

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 the Kyries and the Gloria.

**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.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

He that comes despised shall reign; He that cannot die, be slain; Death by death its death shall gain: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.

Weakness shall the strong confound; By the hands, in grave-clothes wound, Adam's chains shall be unbound: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.

By the sword that was his own, By that sword, and that alone, Shall Goliath be o'erthrown: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.

Art by art shall be assailed; To the cross shall Life be nailed; From the grave shall hope be hailed: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.

After the Blessing, and the Dismissal the clergy and servers leave during the organ voluntary. You are invited to remain in your seats for this final act of worship.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

May God the... Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

**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. The newly baptised and confirmed will receive Holy Communion first. 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

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 4).

Gabriel's message does away Satan's curse and Satan's sway, Out of darkness brings our Day: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.

## First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Advent Sequence (502)

Salus aeterna, indeficiens mundi vita. Lux sempiterna, et redemptio vera nostra. Condolens humana perire saecla per tentantis numina. Non linquens excelsa, adisti ima propria dementia. Mox tua spontanea gratia assumens humana, Quae fuerant perdita omnia, salvasti terrea. Ferens mundo gaudia. Tu animas et corpora nostra, Christe, expia, Ut possideas lucida nosmet liabitacula. Adventu primo justifica. In secundo nosque libera; Ut cum facta luce magna, judicabis omnia, Compti stola incorrupta, nosmet tua subsequamur mox vestigia quocumque visa. Amen.

#### Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 8).

Lift up your heads ye mighty gates, Behold the King of glory waits, The King of kings is drawing near, The Saviour of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ as ruler is confessed; O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this king in triumph comes.

Come then, O Saviour, and abide, Our hearts to thee be open wide; May all thy inward presence feel, To all thy grace and love reveal.

#### Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the

strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon is by the Chaplain.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Plainsong)

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

Lord, show us how to live: and give us the courage to go forward.

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 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 Sidepeople from the Landing table. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 13).

O quickly come, dread Judge of all, For, awful though thine advent be; All shadows from the truth will fall, And falsehood die, in sight of thee. O quickly come; for doubt and fear Like clouds dissolve when thou art near.

O quickly come, great King of all; Reign all around us, and within; Let sin no more our souls enthrall, Let pain and sorrow die with sin. O quickly come; for thou alone Canst make thy scattered people one.

O quickly come, true Life of all; For death is mighty all around; On every home his shadows fall, On every heart his mark is found. O quickly come; for grief and pain Can never cloud thy glorious reign.

O quickly come, sure Light of all For gloomy night broods o'er our way, And weakly souls begin to fall With weary watching for the day. O quickly come; for round thy throne No eye is blind, no night is known.

Eucharistic Prayer



The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the choir sing 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.