

## Notices :

**Christmas Communion:** The clergy are very willing to bring Holy Communion to the sheltering. Please encourage those who continue to shelter to contact Fr Mark to receive their Christmas Communion.

**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. **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.



Have a very  
Happy & Blessed  
Christmas —  
from all at St George's  
Anglican Church.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** Eric Benson, Mary Berg, Janet Birkins, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, John Cooper, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Gourbault, Angela Harrison, Irene Hicks, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Giulia Miles, Rosemary Neale, Kenneth Nyakana, Margaret Del Prati, 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:** Anne Clarke, Liz Harrison ; All who have died of Covid-19.

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# St George's, Paris

## 1st Sunday of Christmas, St Stephen, martyr: 2021

A warm welcome to St George's online worship this week. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. The choir will sing **Missa O Magnum Mysterium** by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) and the motet during Communion is **O Magnum Mysterium** also by Victoria.

Sunday 26th	<b>Christmas I and Stephen, deacon</b> 0830 Holy Communion (1662) 1030 Solemn Eucharist
Monday 27th	<i>John, apostle and evangelist</i> 1830 Eucharist
Tuesday 28th	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> 1830 Eucharist
Wednesday 29th	<i>Thomas a Becket, archbishop, martyr</i> 1200 Eucharist
Thursday 30th	<i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1830 Eucharist
Friday 31st	<i>St Sylvester</i>
Saturday 1st	<i>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</i> 1200 Eucharist for the New Year
Sunday 2nd	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Mass 1630 Messe Malgache

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 42):

**While shepherds watched Their flocks by night All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around**

**'Fear not,' he said, For mighty dread Had seized their troubled minds  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind,**

**'To you in David's Town this day Is born of David's line  
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord And this shall be the sign**

**The heavenly Babe You there shall find To human view displayed  
And meanly wrapped In swathing bands And in a manger laid.'**

**Thus spake the seraph, And forthwith Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song**

**All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth From heaven to men Begin and never cease**

**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. We sing 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.*

**Gloria (Merbecke)**

*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.*

*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**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The first Noël the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepards in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël Born is the King of Israel!**

**They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night**

**And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay**

**Then entered in those Wise men three  
Fell reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense**

**Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought**

**Blessing**

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

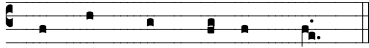
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

**Amen**

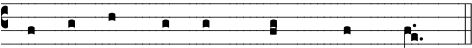
The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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 final verse of **O Come all ye faithful**:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;**

**Jesu, to thee be glory given: word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:**

**O come, let us adore him...**

*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.*

#### **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.*

#### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

*Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for this evening (Psalm 148).*

*O praise the Lord of heaven \* praise him in the height. Praise him, all ye angels of his \* praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon \* praise him, all ye stars and light. Praise him, all ye heavens \* and ye waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the Name of the Lord \* for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created. He hath made them fast for ever and ever \* he hath given them a law which shall not be broken. Praise the Lord upon earth \* ye dragons, and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and vapours \* wind and storm, fulfilling his word; Mountains and all hills \* fruitful trees and all cedars; Beasts and all cattle \* worms and feathered fowls; Kings of the earth and all people \* princes and all judges of the world; Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord \* for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth. He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him \* even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.*

#### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Gradual (NEH 465)**

**Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;**

**But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room**

**For Thy holy nativity:**

**Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for Thee;**

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,**

**Proclaiming Thy royal degree;**

**But in lowly birth thou didst come to earth,  
And in great humility:**

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,  
They bore thee to Calvary:**

**When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing  
At thy coming to victory,  
Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,  
There is room at my side for thee:**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 2:15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Sermon**

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

**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*

**O come : let us adore him.**

*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. The offertory hymn (NEH 28):*

**In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign;  
In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.**

**Enough for him, whom Cherubim Worship night and day  
A breast full of milk And a manger full of hay.  
Enough for him, whom angels Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel Which adore.**

**Angels and archangels May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air;  
But his mother only, In her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.**

**What can I give him, Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him — Give my heart.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



**and also with you.**