

There are no services on Thursday evening this week. At 19h00 we are hosting **Musique à la maison, divertissement, une soirée chez madame Moitte**. The evening is sponsored by the Fondation Napoleon— more information from Peter Hicks. **The Christmas Bazaar** Huge thanks to all those who made it such a success! Before expenses we made **10,500€** (1,400€ more than last year). **Rotas & Lists!** The **Lunch Rota** is now up—if you can help prepare lunch (one course or three) then please sign up. If you're interested in helping but are a bit unsure of what's involved speak to Ryan Spooner (spooner.ryan@yahoo.com or 0781795002). There are spaces on the **Flower Rota** and the **Prayer List for the Sick** is on the Landing Table. **A Crèche space** is available for parents in the Library every Sunday. There are colouring sheets and toys (regularly put through the dishwasher) available to engage your child(ren) during the Eucharist.

The Theology Book Club meets online on the last Thursday of each month at 20h30. Our next meeting will be 20h30 on Thursday 26th January when we will be talking about *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity* by John Milton.

Spiritual Accompaniment is available this Advent: there are a range of approaches—clerical and lay—just find the one that works for you. **Confessions during Advent** will be heard by appointment. Email the clergy directly.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

* Please note that there is no need to book in advance this year.

Sunday 11th December : Caen Carols 17h30
Saturday 17th December : Malagasy Nativity Play 1430
Sunday 18th December : Malagasy Carol Service 16h30
 Service of Lessons & Carols 18h30
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 24th December : Family Eucharist 18h00
 Midnight Mass of Christmas
followed by champagne reception

Sunday 25th December : Dawn Eucharist (BCP) 08h30
 Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day 10h30
 Malagasy Mass 16h30

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Jeanette George, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Elizabeth Durand, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouillard, Jeanette Georges, Ann Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Angela Harrison, Irene Hicks, John James, Ernest Jeyam, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Hans Mayer, Giulia Miles, Monique Moron, Rosemary Neale, Kenneth Nyakana, Rev'd David Osborne, Grace Valéry, Fr Alan Warren, David Wetsel, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Jean Gould, Leslie Houlden, priest, Anne Loades, theologian, Ruth Madoc.

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St George's Paris Advent 3: 11th December 2022

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—**please note the seasonal changes to the text**. The setting is the **Communon in C minor** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet during Communion will be **Dormi dormi bel bambin** by Carlo Boller (1896-1952).

Sunday 11th	0830 1030 1730	3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel JJ Solemn Eucharist Cel MO Pr JJ Caen Carols
Monday 12th	1800/1830	Advent Weekday Evensong & Eucharist
Tuesday 13th	0915 1800/1830	Lucy, martyr; Samuel Johnson, moralist Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 14th	1200 1800/1815	John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith Eucharist Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament
Thursday 15th	0915	Advent Weekday Morning Prayer No Evensong or Eucharist due to Concert in Church
Friday 16th	0915 1800/1830	Advent Weekday Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist
Saturday 17th	1200 1430 1800	O Sapientia Eucharist Malagasy Nativity Play l'Eucharistie en français Cel MO Pr JJ
Sunday 18th	0830 1030 1630 1830	4th Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel JJ Solemn Eucharist Cel MO Pr JJ Malagasy Carol Service Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent part of the Advent Prose (NEH 501) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (NEH 16)

Wake, o wake! with tidings thrilling The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright! Alleluya! The wedding song
Swells long and strong: Go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting, Her heart leaps with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise. Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hosanna! Let us prepare **To follow there,**
Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices; From men and angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone! Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with angels round thy throne. Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow. Alleluia! Grant us to raise To length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The celebration is introduced and we are then invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together. The choir 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.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the

Hark! a herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit, To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run. Amen.

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.

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 costs 2 euros or the coffee is free.

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin (2 euros) ou une tasse de café après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

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

There will be a retiring collection today and next Sunday to cover the cost of Christmas Flowers – please give generously!

Bakers required for mince pies for the Carol Service next week. Please see Janet if you'd like to help out. We're also looking for someone to organise the mulled wine after the service—can you help?

*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

... 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.

All who are baptised and communicant members of one of the Christian churches are welcome to receive communion with us. Those who do not wish to receive Communion for any reason 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 wish 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

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 6).

wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Pease remain seated for the choir to sing the Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

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

Faithful God: **you are the rock we stand on.**

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.

The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 7).

**Hills of the North, rejoice, Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love, He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas, Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew, His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise, He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes. Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West, Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never—ending light Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on, Songs be in every mouth.
Lo, from the North they come, From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest, In him the sons of earth be blest.**

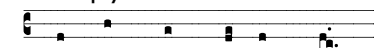
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



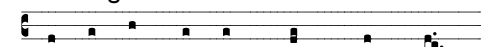
and al-so with you.

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 sing the Sanctus and Benedictus.