

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 final retiring collection today to cover the cost of Christmas Flowers – please give generously!

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.

Today 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 22h00
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-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Ann Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Angela Harrisson, 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 4 : 18th 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 **Missa Sancti Patricii** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet during Communion will be **Kindle a light** by Michael Fleming (1928-2006).

Sunday 18th	0830	4th Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel Jj
	1030		Solemn Eucharist Cel MO Pr Jj
	1630		Malagasy Carol Service
	1830		Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies
Monday 19th	1800/1830	<i>O adonai</i>	Evensong & Eucharist
Tuesday 20th	0915	<i>O radix Jesse</i>	Morning Prayer
	1800/1830		Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 21st	1200	<i>O clavis David</i>	Eucharist
	1800/1815		Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament
Thursday 22nd	0915	<i>O oriens</i>	Morning Prayer
	1700		Evensong & Thanksgiving for 60th Wedding Anniversary
	1800/1830		Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 23rd	0915	<i>O rex gentium</i>	Morning Prayer
	1800/1830		Evensong & Eucharist
Saturday 24th	1200	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	Eucharist
	1800		Crib Eucharist Cel MO Pr MO
Sunday 25th	0830	The Nativity of the Lord	Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel Jj
	1030		Solemn Eucharist Cel MO Pr Jj
	1630		Messe Malgache Cel NR Pr NR

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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 55)

**Hail to the Lord's anointed! Great David's greater Son;
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free;
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.**

**He comes, with succour speedy To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.**

**He shall come down, like showers Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth:
Before Him, on the mountains, Shall Peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness in fountains, From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before Him, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, That name to us is Love.**

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

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 182).

**Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Bethl'em came that happy morn:
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.**

**As Eve, when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary, with man's Saviour in embrace,
Joyed for herself and for all human race.**

**All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest;
She kept the very fountain at her breast:
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.**

**Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Near to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.**

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.

*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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Please stand for the gradual 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.**

**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.**

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

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

We call on your name, O God: **restore and revive us.**
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 185).

**Sing we of the blessèd Mother Who received the angels word,
And obedient to his summons Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the Joys of Mary At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal And the everlasting Bread.**

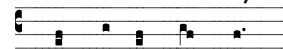
**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour Reigning from the awful tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption Paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles, Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being, Manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd, Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May thy Son, the world's redeemer, Grant us all to see his face.**

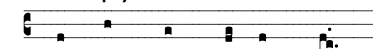
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



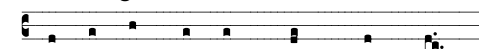
and al-so with you.

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.