

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.

A huge thanks to Pamela Hamilton and all who worked so hard at the Bazaar this year. It was a great success!

During Advent we are looking forward to welcoming the Rev'd Sara McVane to celebrate the Eucharist at 1200 each Saturday.

Christmas at St George's 2023:

16 Dec 1600 Christmas Carols Malagasy

17 Dec **1800 9 Lessons & Carols**

Come early for this popular traditional carol service!

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

23 Dec 1500 Arbre de Noël des Enfants

24 Dec 1800 Family Eucharist

2200 Midnight Mass of Christmas & Blessing of the Crib

Followed by a champagne reception.

25 Dec 0830 Dawn Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

1030 Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day

1630 Messe Malgache

Gifts of champagne to help celebrate will be gratefully received.

Please keep the Rev'd Jay Colwill and his wife Jo in your prayers. He will be licensed as Chaplain of St Michael's today at 1045.

And give thanks that Andrew Taylor is safely home, resting and recuperating after a medical emergency!

Good news for tax payers! Did you know that as a taxpayer in France an identifiable donation gets 66% off your tax bill. This means the net cost to you of a €100 donation will be only €34. That means you can either go out for dinner *OR* consider donating the saving to church. **Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.**

St George's Hymn Competition: The Tune Competition is now closed for submissions and judging will begin shortly. We are grateful to Anne and to Fr Jeffrey and our Panel of Judges for their willing involvement in selecting a worthy winner from the over thirty entries received from around the world. We hope to be able to reveal the name of the successful entrant in a few weeks' time!

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Philippa Campsi, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Elizabeth Durand, Tina Fitzpatrick, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Rev'd Richard Hicks, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, Ernest Jeyam, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Fr Alan Warren, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Val,

Those who have died: Colin Buchanan, bishop, Juliette Brumpt, Betty Draper.

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St George's Paris

Advent I: 3rd December 2023

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 **Mass for Four Voices** by William Byrd (c.1539-1623) and the motet during Communion will be **A tender shoot hath started** by Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907).

Sunday 3rd	1st Sunday of Advent
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel JJ
1030	Sung Eucharist Cel MO Pr MO
1630	Messe Malgache Cel NR Pr NR
Monday 4th	<i>Barbara, patron of miners; John of Damascus; Nicholas Ferrar.</i>
0915	Morning Prayer
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist
Tuesday 5th	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
0915	Morning Prayer
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 6th	<i>Nicholas of Myrna, bishop</i>
1200	Eucharist
1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament
Thursday 7th	<i>Ambrose of Milan, Teacher of Milan</i>
0915	Morning Prayer
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 8th	<i>Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist
Saturday 9th	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
1200	Eucharist
1800	Eucharistie en français Cel MO Pr BL
Sunday 10th	2nd Sunday of Advent
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel MO
1030	Solemn Eucharist Cel MO Pr AR
1630	Office Malgache par Zoom Cel 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 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.**

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 sings 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.

Opening Prayer

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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not

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 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.**

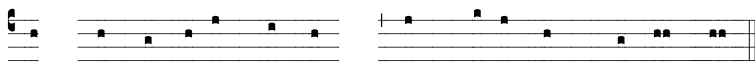
After the Blessing, and the Dismissal the clergy and servers leave during the organ voluntary. You are invited to remain in your seats for this final act of worship.

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the... **Amen.**

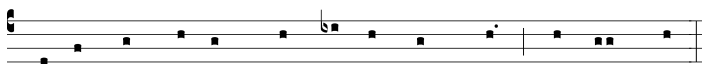
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



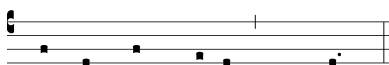
ris-ing you restored our life: Lord Je-sus, come in glo - ry.

At the end of the prayer we all respond

... in songs of everlasting praise:



Blessing and honour and glo-ry and power be yours for



e- ver and e- ver. A- men.

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

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.*

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.**

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. **Please do not intinct—it is forbidden by our bishops and dangerous for coeliacs.** Please follow the directions of the Sides-people. If you are watching online or 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.
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.*

expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the Advent Sequence (NEH 502)

Salus aeterna, indeficiens mundi vita. Lux sempiterna, et redemptio vera nostra. Condolens humana perire saecula per tentantis numina. Non relinquens 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 iustificas. In secundo nosque libera; Ut cum facta luce magna, iudicabis omnia, Compti stola incorrupta, nosmet tua subsequamur mox vestigia quocumque visa. Amen.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 6).

**Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of His grace, to enrich the humbled poor.**

**Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring, with Thy beloved Name.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that

summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Creed I)

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

O God, keep us awake to you: **and alive to your call.**

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.

Please stand for the hymn. During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically? The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (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.**

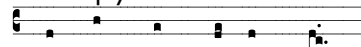
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



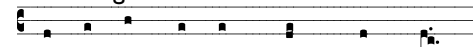
and also with you.

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.

The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus: Dy - ing you des - troyed our death,