

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.

Please note there is no public worship on Thursday evening this week due to the Napoleonic Concert.

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

There will be a retiring collection on the next two Sundays to cover the cost of Christmas Flowers – please give generously!

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.

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, 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-Fouillard, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Goubault, 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: David Leys, Colin Buchanan, bishop, Juliette Brumpt, Betty Draper.

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St George's Paris

Advent 2 : 10th 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 **Communion service in C minor** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet during Communion will be **Kindle a light** by Michael Flemming (1928-2006).

Sunday 10th	2nd Sunday of Advent		
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel MO	
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel JJ	Pr MO
1630	Office Malgache <i>par Zoom</i>	Cel NR	Pr JJ
Monday 11th	Advent Weekday		
0915	Morning Prayer		
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Tuesday 12th	Advent Weekday		
0915	Morning Prayer		
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Wednesday 13th	<i>Lucy, martyr; Ember Day; Samuel Johnson</i>		
1200	Eucharist		
1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament		
Thursday 14th	<i>John of the Cross, poet, Teacher of the Faith</i>		
0915	Morning Prayer * No public worship in the evening		
Friday 15th	<i>Ember Day</i>		
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Saturday 16th	<i>Ember Day</i>		
1200	Eucharist		
1600	Christmas Carols Malagasy		
1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel MO	Pr BL
Sunday 17th	3rd Sunday of Advent		
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr JJ
1800	Lessons & Carols		

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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 5):

**The race that long in darkness pined Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail thy rise, thou better Sun, the gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear The harvest-treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him, all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace, For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor, The great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing still shall spread; His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above, And peace abound below.**

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 15).

**The Lord will come and not be slow, His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go, His royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower, Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower, Look down on mortal men.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right The nations all possess.**

**The nations all whom thou hast made Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord, And glorify thy name.**

**For great thou art, and wonders great By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat Remainest God alone.**

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.

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:
**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.**

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.*

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.*

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm (85.1-2, 8-13)

*Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people * and covered all their sins. I will hearken what
the Lord God will say concerning me * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his
saints, that they turn not again. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him * that glory may
dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together * righteousness and peace have kissed
each other. Truth shall flourish out of the earth * and righteousness hath looked down from
heaven. Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness * and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him * and he shall direct his going in the way.*

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 10).

**Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new; Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, When he comes, Who will make him welcome?**

**God in time, God in man, This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man, Born himself of woman,**

God divinely human. *Refrain*

Mary, hail! Though afraid; She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid; Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected. *Refrain*

Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes! We will make him welcome!

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

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

Come, O come, Emmanuel: **come and live in 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 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.**

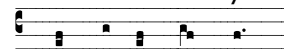
**Lands of the East, arise, He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes, Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**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.**

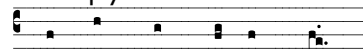
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



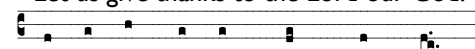
and also with you.

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.