

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.

Christmas Communion: The clergy are very willing to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. Please let us know of anyone who should be contacted..

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. **Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.**

Next week we welcome Fr Andrew Bowyer, Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College Oxford, as our guest preacher

On Sunday 14th January we welcome +David Hamid. This will be his last visit before his retirement.

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 forty entries received from around the world. We hope to be able to reveal the name of the successful entrant in a few weeks' time!



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-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: Betty Warrick, William Broad, priest, David Leys, Colin Buchanan, bishop.

St George's, Paris

1st Sunday of Christmas : 31st 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 choir will sing **Missa Puerorum** by Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) and the motet is **New Year Carol** by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Sunday 31st	0830 1030	1st Sunday of Christmas Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist	Cel JJ Cel MO Pr JJ
Monday 1st	1830	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus Eucharist	
Tuesday 2nd	1830	<i>Basil and Gregory Nazianzen</i> Eucharist	
Wednesday 3rd	1200	Eucharist	
Thursday 4th	1830	Eucharist	
Friday 5th	1830	Eucharist	
Saturday 6th	1200 1800	(The Epiphany) Eucharist Eucharistie en français	Cel JJ Pr JJ
Sunday 7th	0830 1030	The Epiphany Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist	Cel JJ Cel MO Pr AB

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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

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.

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 (NEH 36)
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.

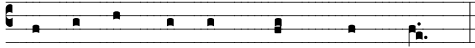
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

Amen

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

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: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gradual (NEH465)

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 of lowly birth cam'st Thou, Lord, on 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 heaven's arches shall ring, and her choirs shall sing
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me up, 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.**

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 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.**

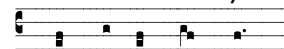
**Enough for him, whom Cherubim Worship night and day
A breast full of milk And a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel Which adore.**

**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.**

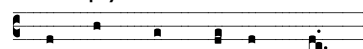
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and also with you.

Lift up your hearts



We lift them to the Lord.