

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.

Today we welcome ecumenical visitors from the Chemin Neuf parish in Vincennes (St Mandé & St Louis). They will join us for the Eucharist and a vin d'amitié before a short talk.

The next Conférence Musicale will be on Thursday 25th January at 1900h here in church. Peter Hicks will give a talk, in French with musical accompaniment, lasting about an hour entitled: *Batailles sur un clavier. Raconter l'histoire militaire en musique.*

Next Saturday—27th January— at 1900h is The Quiz. Knocked off course by the Rugby World Cup we're back. Come along to enjoy an evening of mind-stretching questions and a bring and share supper with friends.

On Saturday 10th February at 1030h we begin our Bicentenary Celebrations with a Eucharist. Our preacher will be Bishop Richard Chartres, formerly bishop of London. The Eucharist will be followed by lunch. Please sign up to allow for catering.

Une JOURNEE DE FOYERS MIXTES (catholique/protestant) intitulée 'Vivre et Transmettre la Bonne Nouvelle dans un Foyer Mixte' est proposée le samedi 3 février 2024 à l'Espace Marc Boegner 27 rue de l'Annonciation 75016 Paris. Participation à la journée est gratuite y compris le déjeuner. Plus d'informations : www.affmic.org

The Lent Course in 2024 will be on the four Gospels and will take place by Zoom on four Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 5th and 12th at 1900h. To receive the link for joining send an email to Fr Jeffrey at drjphjohn@gmail.com

A Lent Quiet Day on Making Sense of the Cross will be held at the Community of the Diaconesses de Reuilly (nr Versailles Chantiers RER station) from 1030h-1500h on Saturday 16th March. The day includes midday prayer with the community and lunch. Cost 25€. To register contact Fr Jeffrey on drjphjohn@gmail.com

The judging of the Bicentenary Hymn Competition has now reached its conclusion. We are pleased to announce that, by the determination of the panel of judges, the winning tune was composed by Alan Bullard, of Colchester, Essex. Alan is a well-known English composer, whose work is performed around the world. We congratulate him and thank him and the many other entrants who used their talents to set the Rev'd Doug Constable's winning text to music. We are sure that the hymn, words and music, will prove a fine addition to our worship here and elsewhere and look forward to using it first on February 10th during our Bicentenary Eucharist. **Words and tune can now be found on the website.**

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Louisette Breda, 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 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 Carl Schaefer, Bishop Alan Smith, 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.

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St George's, Paris

3rd Sunday of Epiphany : 21st January 2024

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.** Today the choir will sing the **Rural-Messe Nr.3** by Robert Führer (1807-1861) and the motet is the **Coventry Carol**, Traditional—Original version of 1591.

Sunday 21st	3rd Sunday of the Epiphany	
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel: JJ
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel NR Pr: JJ
1630	Messe Malgache	Cel: NR Pr: MO
Monday 22nd	<i>Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, 1st martyr of Spain</i>	
1800	Evensong	
1830	Eucharist	
Tuesday 23rd	<i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist	
Wednesday 24th	<i>Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith</i>	
1200	Eucharist	
1800/1815	Evensong/Adoration of the Sacrament	
Thursday 25th	<i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	No public worship due the Conférence Musicale	
Friday 26th	<i>Timothy & Titus, comps of St Paul</i>	
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist	
Saturday 27th	<i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	
1200	Eucharist	
1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel MO Pr MO
Sunday 28th	The Presentation of Christ—Candlemas	
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel: MO
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO Pr: MO

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 468).

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.**

**Clear before us through the darkness Gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together Stepping fearless through the night.**

**One the light of God's own presence, O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror, Brightening all the path we tread:**

**One the object of our journey, One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward, One the hope our God inspires.**

**One the strain the lips of thousands Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril, One the march in God begun:**

**One the gladness of rejoicing On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father Reigns in love for evermore.**

Greeting

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord 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.

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.

Gloria

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 302).

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

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.

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 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

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. **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.

Please follow the directions of the Sides-people.

only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for today (Ps. 128).

*Blessed are all they that fear the Lord * and walk in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands * O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine * upon the walls of thine house. Thy children like the olive-branches * round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed * that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee * that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children * and peace upon Israel.*

Second Reading: Revelation 19:6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 315).

Word of the Father, source of all things living,

Word once made flesh, our true and only Saviour,

Grow in our hearts, O seed of heaven's harvest, Jesus, Redeemer.

Gospel from heaven, living Word incarnate,

Open our minds, Lord, teach us your true wisdom;

Lamp to our footsteps, scatter all our darkness, Day-star of glory.

Lord of the faithful, guide us on our journey;

Pilgrims we hunger for the life of heaven;

Jesus our manna, feed us with your goodness, Hear and hereafter.

Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

Please be seated for the sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing 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.

Prayers of Intercession

We remain standing to prayer together. At the end of each petition this response is used

Direct us, Lord: **and we will follow.**

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. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 485).

**Thy hand, O God, has guided Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written, Full clear on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness, And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings To greatest as to least;
They bade men rise and hasten To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching In every deed and word;
To all alike proclaiming: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness, Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption, Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict, And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching, One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us, Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us, The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels, Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

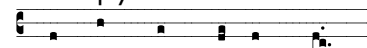
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



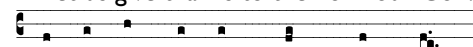
and also with you.

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.