

## Notices :

**Welcome to the Eucharist today.** We are delighted to meet visitors and newcomers after the service, when champagne will be served in the Parish Hall.

**Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.** Nous vous invitons à prendre une coupe de champagne après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

**A warm welcome today to** Bishop Richard Chartres, formerly bishop of London. The celebrations continue with a Champagne Reception in the Parish Hall. Lunch on Sunday is a special celebratory meal. A donation of 10€ is suggested towards the cost of the 4 course meal.

## Lent 2024 :

**Lenten 'Spiritual MOT' - un contrôle technique spirituel pour Carême!** A chance to talk to any one of a team of experienced male or female, lay and ordained accompaniers here at St George's about your prayer life—what goes on for you with God. Simply email your choice to make an appointment : Rev'd Sara: macvanesara@gmail.com ; Fr Grant: wenlockholmes@gmail.com; Fr Jeffrey: drjphjohn@gmail.com; Fr Mark : chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org ; Fr Nicolas: rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com ; Sonia Taylor: soniataylor146@gmail.com

**Recommended reading in Lent : My Sour-Sweet Days: George Herbert and the Journey of the Soul** by Mark Oakley (ISBN 978-0-281-08032-8); **The Hour is Come: Passion in Real Time** by Andrew Nunn (ISBN-978-1-78622-396-8) ; **Life on the Edge** by Brother John of Taizé (ISBN-978-1-5326-1793-5).

**Stations of the Cross** on Zoom every Friday at **1900h**. The link for online Stations will come in our e:News.

**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 Newsletter Editor (john\_crothers@hotmail.com)** would very much like to receive your articles for the next edition. Current deadline for contributions is 31st March.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** HM The King, 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, Chris Defrasne, Elizabeth Durand, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Rev'd Richard Hicks, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Fr Carl Schaefer, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Timothy Dudley-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:** Emma Guillou, Ramiro Tunin.

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# St George's Paris

## Bicentenary Dedication Festival: 1030h 10th February 2024

A warm welcome to St George's—online or in person You will find everything you need for the service on this sheet. Today the choir sings the **Communion Service in E** (choir Gloria) by Harold Darke (1888-1976) and the motet during Communion will be **Locus iste** by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896).

Saturday 10th  
1030

Scholastica, abbess

### Solemn Mass of the Dedication of a Church

With + Richard Chartres followed by a champagne reception  
Eucharistie en français

Cel NR Pr NR

1800

Sunday 11th

### Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

Cel: +RC

Solemn Eucharist

Cel: JJ Pr: MO

1030

Office Malgache—Zoom

Cel NR Pr JJ

1630

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Please stand for the opening hymn when the bell rings (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.**

#### 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 then sing the Kyries, which are followed by the Absolution*

#### Penitential Rite

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,  
in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. 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 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, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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 28.11-18

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder\* set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him\* and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your

ST GEORGE, MARTYR

Alan Bullard (b.1947)



**Strong Sovereign at the heart of every soul,  
whose will is that creation be made whole:  
you call us each to guard with every breath  
your saving truth, through life, and to the death.**

**Strong Hero, making brave each wavering will:  
you dream the whole world's joy; you bear none ill;  
you call us each to fight against all wrong  
with hope that earth will fill with heaven's song.**

**Strong Witness to the truth that never dies,  
who lays down self that every self may rise:  
you call us to your service, come what may,  
to love love's enemies through love's last day.**

**Your holy Martyr leads our fervent prayer:  
clothed in the blood-red cross, by grace we dare  
deny the world's loud idols in their rage,  
while naming Christ who saves in every age.**

**We pray with George for nations everywhere,  
that all may safely prosper in your care;  
may soldiers, men and women, in your praise  
extend your peace, inspire our lives always.**

**May each last day be blessed as at the first:  
full drafts of goodness quench our life's long thirst;  
strong Sovereign-Hero-Witness: glorious Friend,  
receive our love's salute, now without end.**

*Doug Constable, b. 1940*

*After the Blessing and 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.**

And may the blessing... always.  
**Amen**

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

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

As we prepare for Holy Communion the choir sings 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**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.**

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.*

The motet by Anton Bruckner, first performed in 1869. The text, from the Gradual of the Mass on the Anniversary of a Church's Dedication, concentrates on the concept of the sacred place, based on the story of Jacob's Ladder and Jacob's exclamation "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not" (Genesis 28:16), and the story of the burning bush where Moses is told "put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5).

<i>Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.</i>	<i>This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.</i>
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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 208).

offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed\* in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 122).

*I was glad when they said unto me \* We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates \* O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord \* to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgement \* even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem \* they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls \* and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes \* I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God \* I will seek to do thee good.*

### **Second Reading: I Peter 2.1-10**

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 362).

**Glorious things of thee are spok-en, Zion, city of our God;  
He, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city, I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Sion's children know.**

**Holy Gospel: John 10.22-29**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,\* tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand

**Creed**

*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*

Lord, **receive our thanks and prayer.**

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 205).*

**Christ is made the sure foundation, And the precious corner-stone,  
Who, the two walls underlying, Bound in each, binds both in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever, and our confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city, Dearly loved by God on high,  
In exultant jubilation Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in Threefold glory, Singing everlastingly.**

**To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness, Hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls for ay.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
Here to have and hold for ever, Those good things their prayers obtain,  
And hereafter, in thy glory, With thy blessed ones to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father, Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour, While unending ages run. Amen.**

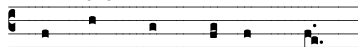
**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



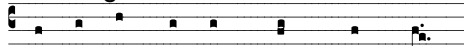
**and also with you.**

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 choirs sing 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*



**Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen. We remain standing to pray together*