

## 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 and the coffee is free! There will also be a lunch today at 10 euros. Someone will be round during drinks to take your name and money!

**Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.** Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin (2 euros) ou une tasse de café (gratuit) après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance. Il y aura aussi un déjeuner aujourd'hui au prix de 10 euros. Vous pourrez réserver votre place pendant l'apéritif.

**Congratulations to Arun Thampirasa** on completing the Paris Marathon. Thank so his effort and your generosity we'll be sending 290€ to Christ Church, Istanbul.

**On Tuesday 23rd April** we celebrate St George, the Martyr and our Patron. This year we will be celebrating with ecumenical guests and our bishop in a Solemn Evensong at 1500h followed by a champagne reception. All are welcome to attend.

**On Saturday 27th April** we are pleased to welcome Barbara Lambesis, President of *La Société des Fontaines Wallace*, who will present a lecture on the life of Sir Richard Wallace and his considerable impact on life in Paris and St. George's in the late 19th century. Doors will open at 15h30 with the lecture beginning at 16h and a Pot d'Amitié to follow.

**Ascension Day** on Thursday 9th May is this year celebrated at St Michael's, Paris. The Eucharist is at 1030h. You are warmly invited to come along to meet the new chaplain, Fr Ray Colwill.

**On Sunday 12 May** the Choir are going on Tour to St Medard-en-Jalles. Home to Adrian and Sylvie we will building stronger links with the parish and community there. Please keep us in your prayer.

**Pentecost Sunday** is on 19th May. We celebrate as one united family, despite our many linguistic and cultural differences—so, please make your attendance at the Eucharist on that day a priority!

**The Quiz** is on Saturday 25th May at 1900h—the only weekend in May without a Bank Holiday! Come along and bring your friends.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Gordon Bradley, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Valerie Canning, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Fr Louis Darrant, Chris Defrasne, 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, Juleka Maccher-Rajah, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Max Orrin, Fr Carl Schaefer, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Val,

**Those who have died:** Tony Ingham, priest, Philippe Sellier, Alan Warren, priest.

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# St George's Paris

## 4th Sunday of Easter : 21st April 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. Today the choir sings the **Missa Brevis** by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1603) and the anthem is **If ye love me** by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 - 1585).

Sunday 21st	0830 1030 1630	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist Messe Malgache	Cel: MO Cel: JJ Cel: NR	Pr: MO Pr: NR
Monday 22nd	1800/1830	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Evensong & Eucharist		
Tuesday 23rd	0915 1500 1800/1830	<i>George, martyr and Patron</i> Morning Prayer Solemn Evensong with +Robert Innes Evensong & Eucharist		
Wednesday 24th	1200 1800/1815	<i>Mellitus, bp; 7 Martyrs of Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003</i> Eucharist Evensong & Adoration		
Thursday 25th	0915 1800/1830	<i>Mark the Evangelist</i> Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist		
Friday 26th	1800/1830	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Evensong & Eucharist		
Saturday 27th	1200 1800	<i>Of Our Lady</i> Eucharist L'eucharistie du dimanche	Cel: NR	
Sunday 28th	0830 1030	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist	Cel: MO Cel: MO	Pr: JJ

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 162).

**Lord God of hosts, within whose hand Dominion rests on sea and land,  
Before whose word of life or death The strength of nations is but breath:  
O King, enthroned all thrones above, Give strength unto the land we love.**

**Thou Breath of Life since time began, Breathing upon the lips of man,  
Hast taught each kindred race to raise United word to sound thy praise:  
So, in this land, join, we beseech, All hearts and lips in single speech.**

**To George our Saint thou gavest grace Without one fear all foes to face,  
And to confess by faithful death That Word of Life which was his breath.  
O help us, Helper of Saint George, To fear no bonds that man can forge.**

**Arm us like him, who in thy trust Beat down the dragon to the dust;  
So that we too may tread down sin And with thy saints a crown may win.  
Help us, O God, that we may be A land acceptable to thee.**

### 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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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 and the Gloria.*

### 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.*

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!



**Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!**

### Vocation Sunday

**Definition:** A vocation (from Latin vocare, meaning "to call"), is a term for an occupation to which a person is specially drawn or for which he or she is suited, trained, or qualified.

Common Statement from '**ALL ARE CALLED – Towards a theology of the laity**' (CIO 1985)

Because all human beings are made in the image of God, they are called to become the People of God, the Church, servants and ministers and citizens of the Kingdom, a new humanity in Jesus Christ. Though we are tainted by our sinfulness, God's wonderful grace and love offer us all this common Christian vocation. God leaves everyone free to refuse this call; but the call is there for all without exception.

The young are called; the elderly are called. There is no retirement from the Christian pilgrimage. The beautiful are called, and also the unlovely. The sick are called as well as the healthy and the energetic. Activists are called and also quiet people. We are called regardless of our intellectual abilities or our formal education. We are called regardless of our race or nationality or social class.

Women are called, and men are called. The poor are called, and perhaps the Church of England has begun to understand the gifts which they have, and what we may all learn from them. Yet God 'has no favourites' and equally calls to discipleship the rich and the comfortable.

We are all called no matter what our occupations may be. There is no special status in the Kingdom for those in 'top jobs' or 'important responsibilities'. Cleaners and car dealers are called just as much as professors and lawyers and missionary nurses. And unemployed people and redundant people and 'unemployable' people are called just like everybody else. Our human dignity does not depend on having a job. Nor does our calling – our vocation – depend on any kind of ordination. There are still many deep controversies about what ordination may signify, in many Churches and within our own Church of England. But it certainly does not indicate any special 'grade' of Christian, more holy than the laity. And for everybody, bishops, priests and laity together, the great sacrament of our common calling is our baptism, which signifies our glorious new life in Christ".

### A Prayer by Charles de Foucauld (1858–1916)

Father, I abandon myself into your hands.

Do with me whatever you will. Whatever you may do I thank you.

I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me and all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul. I offer it to you with all the love of my heart.

For I love you Lord and so need to give myself, surrender myself into your hands without reserve and with boundless confidence for you are my Father. Amen

## Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.*

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.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 107).*

**Good Christian men, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King:  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluya!**

**The Lord of Life is risen for ay: Bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
Let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluya!**

**Praise we in songs of victory That Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluya!**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluya!**

*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.*

## Dismissal

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*We remain seated as the choir sings the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 23).*

*The Lord is my shepherd \* therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture \* and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul \* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil \* for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me \* thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

## Second Reading: I John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 123).*

**Walking in a garden At the close of day,  
Adam tried to hide him When he heard God say:  
'Why are you so frightened, Why are you afraid?  
You have brought the winter in, Made the flowers fade.'**

**Walking in a garden Where the Lord had gone,  
Three of the disciples, Peter, James and John;**

**They were very weary, Could not keep awake,  
While the Lord was kneeling there, Praying for their sake.**

**Walking in a garden At the break of day,  
Mary asked the gardener Where the body lay;  
But he turned towards her, Smiled at her and said:  
'Mary, spring is here to stay, Only death is dead.'**

**Holy Gospel: John 10.11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**Sermon**

*Please be seated for the Sermon.*

**Creed**

*In the Easter Season we affirm the faith in which we are baptised in the Apostles Creed.*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Intercessions**

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

The Lord is our Good Shepherd: **there is nothing we shall lack.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord, Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 296). During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?*

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, First begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender, Lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluya, Jesu, true and living bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we; Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment pray we, Lest we fail to know thee now,  
Alleluya, Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee, As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee, Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluya, We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, Thy offering, finished Once for all when Thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya, Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life imparting Heavenly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship Thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!**

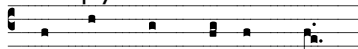
**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



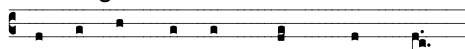
**and al-so with you.**

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.**

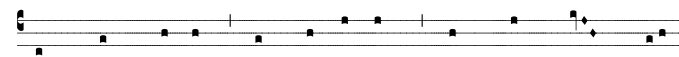
*The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings.*

*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*

**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.**