

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.

A huge thanks to Pamela Hamilton and all who worked so hard at the Bazaar this year. It was a great success!

Mincemeat is available today if you'd like to make some mince pies for the 9 Lessons & Carols on Sunday 15 December. Please speak to Janet Schofield if you want a jar!

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

Christmas at St George's 2024:

14 Dec 1530 Christmas Carols Malagasy & Nativity Play

15 Dec 1800 **9 Lessons & Carols**

Come early for this popular traditional carol service!

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

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.

Sunday School has lots of young children and is looking for adults to go through the online Safeguarding process to become Sunday School Leaders. Do you think God is asking you to share your joy and faith by sticking and pasting and teaching the story of Salvation? Hard questions about God from 5 year olds can always be given to Fr Mark!

Sunday Lunch is looking for cooks/chefs/volunteers. Speak to Ryan Spooner, who has taken over from Bart as Coordinator this year if you can do a Sunday.

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, Tim Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Francis Frois, Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Karen Griggs, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Juleka Maccher-Rajah, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, John & Yvonne Rogers, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Colette. **Those who have died:** Bernard Chovet, David Yeoward.

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St George's Paris

Advent I: 1st December 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.** The setting is the **Mass for Four Voices** by William Byrd (c.1539-1623) and the motet during Communion will be **A tender root** by Berthold Goldschmidt (1903 - 1996).

Sunday 1st	1st Sunday of Advent	
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ
1030	Sung Eucharist	Cel MO Pr MO
1630	Messe Malgache	Cel NR Pr NR
Monday 2nd	Advent Feria	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Tuesday 3rd	Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Wednesday 4th	Barbara, m; John of Damascus; Nicholas Ferrar, Dn.	
1200	Eucharist	
1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament	
Thursday 5th	Advent Feria	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Friday 6th	Nicholas of Myra, bishop	
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Saturday 7th	Ambrose, bishop & Teacher of Milan	
1200	Eucharist	
1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel MO Pr BL
Sunday 8th	2nd Sunday of Advent	
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel MO
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO Pr AR
1630	Office Malgache par Zoom	Cel NR

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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 14):

**The advent of our God With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon his road His glorious gift to meet.**

**The everlasting Son Scorns not a Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won He bears a bondsman's doom.**

**Daughter of Sion, rise To meet thy lowly King,
Let not thy stubborn heart despise The peace he comes to bring.**

**In clouds of dazzling light, As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite With them in heaven to reign.**

**Let evil flee away Ere that dread hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day The new Man all put on.**

**Praise to the incarnate Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One, To all eternity. Amen.
to all eternity.**

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

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.*

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

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 4).

**Gabriel's message does away Satan's curse and Satan's sway,
Out of darkness brings our Day: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**
**He that comes despised shall reign; He that cannot die, be slain;
Death by death its death shall gain: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**
**Weakness shall the strong confound; By the hands, in grave-clothes wound,
Adam's chains shall be unbound: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**
**By the sword that was his own, By that sword, and that alone,
Shall Goliath be o'erthrown: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**
**Art by art shall be assailed; To the cross shall Life be nailed;
From the grave shall hope be hailed:
So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**

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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Advent Sequence (502)

Salus aeterna, indeficiens mundi vita. Lux sempiterna, et redemptio vera nostra. Condolens humana perire saecla per tentantis numina. Non linquens excelsa, adisti ima propria dementia. Mox tua spontanea gratia assumens humana, Quae fuerant perdita omnia, salvasti terrea. Ferens mundo gaudia. Tu animas et corpora nostra, Christe, expia, Ut possideas lucida nosmet liabitacula. Adventu primo justifica. In secundo nosque libera; Ut cum facta luce magna, judicabis omnia, Compti stola incorrupta, nosmet tua subsequamur mox vestigia quocumque visa. Amen.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 8).

**Lift up your heads ye mighty gates, Behold the King of glory waits,
The King of kings is drawing near, The Saviour of the world is here.**
**O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ as ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this king in triumph comes.**
**Come then, O Saviour, and abide, Our hearts to thee be open wide;
May all thy inward presence feel, To all thy grace and love reveal.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Please be seated for the Sermon.

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.

Intercessions

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

Lord, show us how to live: and give us the courage to go forward.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 13).

O quickly come, dread Judge of all, For, awful though thine advent be; All shadows from the truth will fall, And falsehood die, in sight of thee. O quickly come; for doubt and fear Like clouds dissolve when thou art near.

Sermon

Creed

O quickly come, great King of all; Reign all around us, and within; Let sin no more our souls enthrall, Let pain and sorrow die with sin. O quickly come; for thou alone Canst make thy scattered people one.

O quickly come, true Life of all; For death is mighty all around; On every home his shadows fall, On every heart his mark is found. O quickly come; for grief and pain Can never cloud thy glorious reign.

O quickly come, sure Light of all For gloomy night broods o'er our way, And weakly souls begin to fall With weary watching for the day. O quickly come; for round thy throne No eye is blind, no night is known.

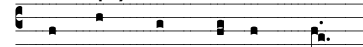
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



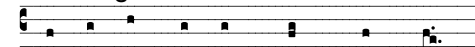
and also with you.

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 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 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 forever 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.