

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. The total raised before expenses was 10,800€.

The Newsletter is out this weekend. Many congratulations to John Crothers our editor on another fine edition. A limited number of paper copies—at 5€ each—are available at the back of church.

The Chaplain is out at the consecration of the new altar at Notre Dame this morning.

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: 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:**

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St George's Paris

Advent 2: 8th 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 **Short Communion service in the Phrygian mode** by Charles Wood (1866 - 1926) and the motet during Communion will be **Jesus Christ the Apple Tree** by Bob Chilcott (b.1955).

Sunday 8th

0830

1030

1630

2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

Solemn Eucharist

Office Malgache *par Zoom*

Cel JJ

Cel JJ

Cel NR

Pr JJ

Monday 9th

0915

1800/1830

Advent Feria

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

Tuesday 10th

0915

1800/1830

Advent Feria

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

Wednesday 11th

1200

1800/1815

Advent Feria; Ember Day

Eucharist

Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament

Thursday 12th

0915

1800/1830

Advent Feria

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

Friday 13th

1800/1830

Lucy, martyr; Ember Day

Evensong & Eucharist

Saturday 14th

1200

1530

1800

John of the Cross, mystic; Ember Day

Eucharist

Malagasy Carols & Nativity Play

Eucharistie en français

Cel NR

Cel MO

Pr BL

Sunday 15th

0830

1030

1800

3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

Solemn Eucharist

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Cel MO

Cel MO

Pr AR

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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 55):

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed! Great David's greater Son!
Hail, In The Time Appointed, His Reign On Earth Begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy, To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains, From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever; That name to us is Love**

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.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 18).

**Ye servants of the Lord Each for your Master wait,
Observant of his heavenly word, And watchful at his gate.**

**Let all your lamps be bright, And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins as in his sight, For awful is his name.**

**Watch! 'tis your Lord's command, And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand, And ready all appear.**

**O happy servant he, In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see, And be with honour crowned.**

**Christ shall the banquet spread With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head Amidst the angelic band.**

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.

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

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.

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

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Benedictus (Luke 1.68)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us. To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 5).

**Hark! a herald voice is sounding! 'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'**

**Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven;**

**That, when next He comes with glory, And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender On the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run. Amen.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '

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.**

Intercessions

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

Holy God: we want to know you better.

**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 7).

**Hills of the North, rejoice, Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love, He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas, Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew, His word is sure, his promise true.**

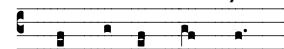
**Lands of the East, arise, He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes. Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West, Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never—ending light Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on, Songs be in every mouth.
Lo, from the North they come, From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest, In him the sons of earth be blest.**

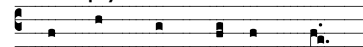
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



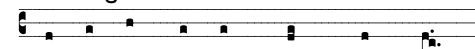
and also with you.

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.*