

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 is 2€ but the coffee is free!

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin ou une tasse de café après la messe dans la salle paroissiale. Le vin est à 2€ mais le café est gratuit ! Si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

Accompaniment/Reconciliation is always available—but especially before the great feasts. Please contact the clergy if you would like to make your confession or would like to be accompanied for a period of reflection and review. Fr Mark is on 06 59 37 49 54 and Fr Jeffrey on +44 7771 801 786.

Many thanks to the Rev'd Sara McVane who has been celebrating the Eucharist at 1200 each Saturday during Advent.

Last week saw a packed church at Lessons & Carols—the largest since 2018 and the gilets jaunes—a huge thanks to all those involved in music, reading, welcome and refreshments.

Spiritual Accompaniment is available this Advent: there are a range of approaches—clerical and lay—just find the one that works for you. **Confessions during Advent** will be heard by appointment. Email the clergy directly.

Christmas at St George's 2024:

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| 24 Dec | 1800 | Family Eucharist |
| | 2200 | Midnight Mass of Christmas & Blessing of the Crib <i>Followed by a champagne reception.</i> |
| 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.

Good news for tax payers! Did you know that as a taxpayer in France an identifiable donation gets 66% off your tax bill. This means the net cost to you of a €100 donation will be only €34. That means you can either go out for dinner OR consider donating the saving to church. **Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.**

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:**

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St George's Paris

Advent 4 : 22nd 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.** Today the Eucharist is the **Missa Sancti Patricii** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the anthem during Communion is **O Jesulein süß, O Jesulein mild** by Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

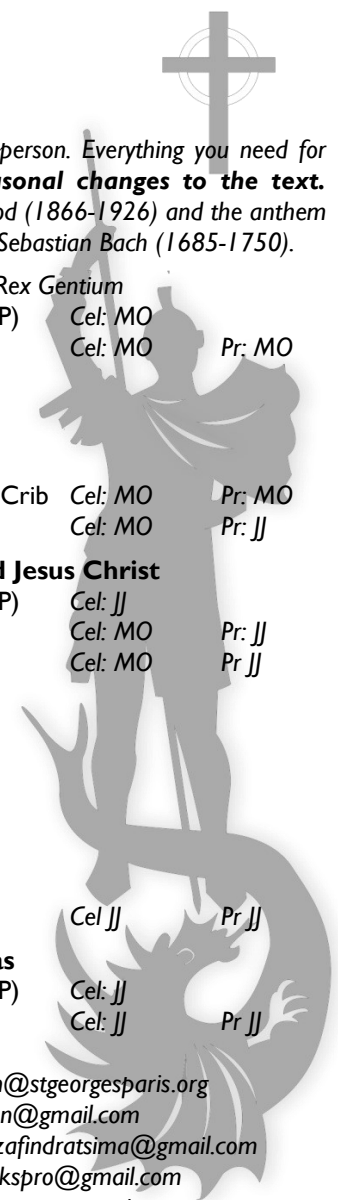
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| Sunday 22nd | 0830 | 1030 | 4th Sunday of Advent <i>O Rex Gentium</i> | Holy Communion (1662 BCP) | Cel: MO | |
| | | | | Sung Eucharist | Cel: MO | Pr: MO |
| Monday 23rd | 1800 | | <i>O Emmanuel</i> | Evensong & Eucharist | | |
| Tuesday 24th | 1800 | 2200 | Christmas Eve | Family Eucharist around the Crib | Cel: MO | Pr: MO |
| | | | | Midnight Mass of Christmas | Cel: MO | Pr: JJ |
| Wednesday 25th | 0830 | 1030 | The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ | Holy Communion (1662 BCP) | Cel: JJ | |
| | | 1630 | | Sung Eucharist | Cel: MO | Pr: JJ |
| | | | | Messe Malgache | Cel: MO | Pr: JJ |
| Thursday 26th | 1830 | | <i>Stephen, deacon, martyr</i> | Eucharist | | |
| Friday 27th | 1830 | | <i>John, apostle & evangelist</i> | Eucharist | | |
| Saturday 28th | 1200 | 1800 | <i>The Holy Innocents</i> | Eucharist | | |
| | | | <i>l'eucharistie en français</i> | | Cel: JJ | Pr: JJ |
| Sunday 29th | 0830 | 1030 | First Sunday of Christmas | Holy Communion (1662 BCP) | Cel: JJ | |
| | | | | Solemn Eucharist | Cel: JJ | Pr: JJ |

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent the Advent Prose (501) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (NEH 10):

**Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new; Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.**

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, When he comes, Who will make him welcome?**

**God in time, God in man, This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man, Born himself of woman, God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!**

**Mary, hail! Though afraid; She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid; Till the time expected Nurtured and protected.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!**

**Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes! We will make him welcome!**

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, Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison, Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 11).

**O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone, Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high! Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay: To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai, Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain clothed in awe, Gavest thy folk the ancient Law.**

**O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave, From nether hell, thy people save.**

**O Come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road, And bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, Desire of nations! show Thy kingly reign on earth below
Thou Cornerstone, uniting all, Restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

After the Blessing, and the Dismissal the clergy and servers leave.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

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

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

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.*

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.*

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day—the Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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: Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 182).

**Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Beth'lem came that happy morn:
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.**

**As Eve, when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary, with man's Saviour in embrace,
Joyed for herself and for all human race.**

**All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest;
She kept the very Fountain at her breast:
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.**

Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Near to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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

Let it be to me: **according to your will.**

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.

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 188).

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Blessed were the chosen people Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the Mother She who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness Let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

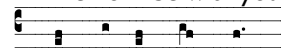
**Let us weave our supplications, She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful, For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful, For each heedless wanderer.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**For the sick and for the aged, For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret, All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us, May the holy Virgin pray.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father, Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit, Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted, Lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

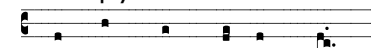
Eucharistic Prayer

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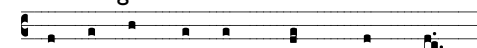
and al-so with you.

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.