

## 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 14 December. Please speak to Janet Schofield if you want a jar!

## Christmas at St George's 2025

13 Dec	1530	Christmas Carols Malagasy & Nativity Play
14 Dec	1800	<b>9 Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <i>Come early for this popular traditional carol service!</i> <i>Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.</i>
24 Dec	1800	Family Eucharist
	2200	<b>Midnight Mass of Christmas &amp; Blessing of the Crib</b> <i>Followed by a champagne reception.</i>
25 Dec	0830	Dawn Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
	1030	<b>Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day</b>
	1630	Messe Malgache

**Gifts of champagne** to help celebrate will be gratefully received.

**The Taizé Community** are holding an International Meeting between 28 Dec-1 January. They are asking Christians in Paris if they can host 2 guests for 4 nights, allow them a shower and give them breakfast every morning and if possible lunch on the 1st January. Guests do not need a bed—they'll bring a bed roll and sleeping bag. They will be at Morning Prayer at 0830h and will return at 2200h. You can request the gender of your guests and you will not be on your own with only one guest. **Please pick up a leaflet explaining more on the Landing Table.**

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** HM The King, Esther Arens, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Tim Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Huy Sun (Dara), Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Anne Gould, Ophélie Goubault, Karen Griggs, Vaughan Hart, Irene Hicks, Sally Hughes, Pam Ingram, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, John & Yvonne Rogers, Émile Vaillant, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

**Those who have died:** Trevor Page, priest, Earl Mofitt, Tony Delves, priest.

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# St George's Paris

## Advent I: 30th November 2025

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 great and mighty wonder** by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Sunday 30th	0830	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1030	Sung Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr JJ
Monday 1st	0915	Andrew the Apostle Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Tuesday 2nd	0915	Advent FERIA Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Wednesday 3rd	1200	Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies Eucharist		
	1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament		
Thursday 4th	0915	John of Damascus; Nicholas Ferrer Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Friday 5th	1800/1830	Advent FERIA Evensong & Eucharist		
Saturday 6th	1200	Nicholas of Myra Eucharist		
	1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel NR	Pr NR
Sunday 7th	0830	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr SR
	1630	Messe Malgache	Cel NR	Pr NR

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## *The Gathering*

*As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent part of the Advent Prose (REH 636) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (REH 19):*

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

**The everlasting Son Scorns not the 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 stubboorn heart despise The peace he comes to bring.**

**On clouds of dazzling light, As judge he comes again,  
His scattered people to unite, With him in heaven to reign.**

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

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

### **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.**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

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

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

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 (REH 11).

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending, Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya! God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory: Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly! Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

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.**

and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!.

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

*Salus aeterna, indeficiens mundi vita. Lux sempiterna, et redemptio vera nostra. Condolens humana perire saecula 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 iustificas. In secundo nosque libera; Ut cum facta luce magna, iudicabis omnia, Compti stola incorrupta, nosmet tua subsequamur mox vestigia quocumque visa. Amen.*

### Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 3).

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

### Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said, 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*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,  
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*

**O come : Let us walk in the light of the Lord**

**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 (REH 16).*

**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.**

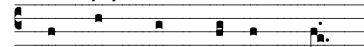
#### Eucharistic Prayer

*The Lord be with you*



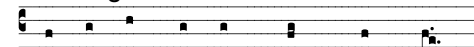
**and also with you.**

*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 for ever 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.*