

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 collection will be taken today towards Christmas Flowers. Please be generous and support our outstanding team of florists!

Next Sunday at 1800h is our service of Lessons & Carols. Come early for a seat and bring your friends! We send the choir to Caen today with our prayers for a safe and successful event. Fr Grant, who regularly celebrates in Caen, will be leading the service.

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	9 Lessons & Carols <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	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.

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.**

There will be an opportunity for you to talk about the Bazaar on Saturday 31st January. Over a bring and share lunch after the midday Eucharist we can share what we think went well, badly or what we want to improve.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: HM The King, 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 2 : 7th December 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 **A complete Communion Service** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet during Communion will be **There is no rose** by John Joubert (b. 1927).

Sunday 7th	0830	2nd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr SR
	1630	Messe Malgache	Cel NR	Pr NR
Monday 8th	1800/1830	<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Evensong & Eucharist		
Tuesday 9th	0915	Advent FERIA Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Wednesday 10th	1200	Advent FERIA; Ember Day Eucharist		
	1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament		
Thursday 11th	0915	Advent FERIA Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Friday 12th	1800/1830	Advent FERIA; Ember Day Evensong & Eucharist		
Saturday 13th	1200	Lucy, martyr; Ember Day; Samuel Johnson, moralist Eucharist		
	1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel NR	Pr NR
Sunday 14th	0830	3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr SR
	1800	Lessons & Carols		

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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 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;**

**So when next he comes in 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.**

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

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 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: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 13).

**O child of promise, come! O come, Emmanuel!
Come, Prince of Peace, to David's throne; Come, God, with us to dwell.**

**The Lord's true servant, come, In whom is his delight,
On whom his Holy Spirit rests, The Gentiles' promised light.**

**O come, Anointed One, To show blind eyes your face.
Good tidings to the poor announce; Proclaim God's year of grace.**

**O come, Messiah King, To reign in endless light,
When heavenly peace at last goes forth From Sion's holy height.**

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 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.

*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.**

equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Advent Sequence (REH 637—for the text in English)

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 terra. 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 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 2).

**O heavenly Word of God on high, Whose love has brought salvation nigh,
And from the Father's heart didst come To save a race by sin undone.**

**Our minds enlighten from above, And kindle with the fire of love.
That as we hear thy gospel read, All sinful thoughts may flee in dread.**

**So, when thou comest at the last. And earth's long history is past,
May we be set at thy right hand, And with thine own in glory stand.**

**Grant thou thy gifts of grace below, In heaven an endless joy bestow.
Who art our sole and sovereign Lord, The saving judge, and saints' reward.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee, Whose advent sets thy people free.
Whom with the Father we adore, And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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,
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

You are our God: **Living for ever and ever.**

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 (REH 8).

**Hills of the North, rejoice, River and mountain spring
Hark to the advent voice; Valley and lowland, sing.
Christ 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.**

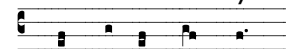
**Lands of the east, arise, He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes. Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**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.**

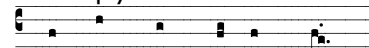
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



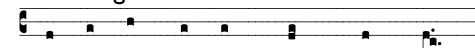
and also with you.

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.*