

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!

Tonight 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.

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 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: Fergus Kerr OP, priest, Trevor Page, priest.

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St George's Paris

Advent 3 : 14th 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 the **Missa Aeterna Christi Munera** by Giovanni P. da Palestrina (1525-1603) and the motet during Communion will **Kindle a light** by Michael Fleming (1928-2006).

Sunday 14th	0830	3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel MO	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel GH	Pr MO
	1800	Lessons & Carols		
Monday 15th		Advent Feria		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Tuesday 16th		Advent Feria		
	0915	Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Wednesday 17th		O Sapientia		
	1200	Eucharist		
	1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament		
Thursday 18th		O Adonai		
	0915	Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Friday 19th		O Radix Jesse		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Saturday 20th		O clavis David		
	1200	Eucharist		
	1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel MO	Pr MO
Sunday 21st		4th Sunday of Advent		
	0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr JJ
	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 22):

**Wake, o wake! with tidings thrilling The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright! Alleluya! The wedding song
Swells long and strong: Go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Sion hears the watchmen shouting, Her heart leaps with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise. Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hosanna! Let us prepare To follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.**

**Every soul in thee rejoices; From men and angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone! Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with angels round thy throne. Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow. Alleluia! Grant us to raise To length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The celebration is introduced and we are then invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together. The choir sing 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 Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 5).

**Hark! a herald voice is calling: '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 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.**

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.

*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.

*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.*

of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

Sunday School leave for their activities as we listen to the Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Pease remain seated for the choir to sing 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: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 10).

**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.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

Faithful God: **you are the rock we stand on.**

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 24).

**When the King shall come again All his power revealing,
Splendour shall announce his reign, Life and joy and healing:
Earth no longer in decay, Hope no more frustrated;
This is God's redemption day Longingly awaited.**

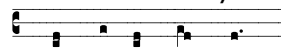
**In the desert trees take root Fresh from his creation;
Plants and flowers and sweetest fruit Join the celebration.
Rivers spring up from the earth, Barren lands adorning;
Valleys, this is your new birth, Mountains, greet the morning!**

**Strengthen feeble hands and knees, Fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these Seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues Sing away their weeping;
Blind eyes see the lifeless ones Walking, running, leaping.**

**There God's highway shall be seen Where no roaring lion,
Nothing evil or unclean Walks the road to Zion:
Ransomed people homeward bound All your praises voicing,
See your Lord with glory crowned, Share in his rejoicing!**

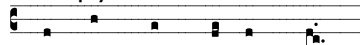
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



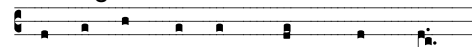
and also with you.

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.