

Warmest congratulations to Alexander and Clemence on the birth of their son Simon, born on 17th December weighing 2,9kg. We send them our love and prayers!  
**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	<b>9 Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <i>Come early for this popular traditional carol service! 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.**

**Attention:** Tous les franciliens, quel que soit leur âge et leur église d'appartenance, sont invités à participer aux rencontres européennes de Taizé. Il est possible de s'inscrire :

- soit pour tout le programme pour ceux qui ont entre 18 et 35 ans ;
- soit pour certaines parties du programme pour tous, quel que soit leur âge ou pour les jeunes ne souhaitant pas participer à l'ensemble de la rencontre.

Les activités auxquelles tous peuvent participer sont les prières du midi, du soir, les ateliers thématiques (de 15 h à 17h) et les repas (moyennant 10 €/jour pour un déjeuner chaud et un dîner froid). Le lien d'inscription et le suivant :

<https://taizeparisidf.fr/fr/inscription-ile-de-france>

J'appelle particulièrement votre attention sur les ateliers suivants à thématique œcuménique (inscription directe au <https://register.paris.taize.fr/fr/workshop>).

**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 Gourbault, 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:**

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# St George's Paris

## Advent 3 : 21st 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 Quand'io penso al martire** by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594) and the motet during Communion will be A tender shoot by Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907).

Sunday 21st	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO
Monday 22nd	<i>O Rex gentium</i>	Pr JJ
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Tuesday 23rd	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Wednesday 24th	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
1800	<b>Eucharist for Families</b>	Cel MO
2200	<b>Midnight Mass of Christmas</b>	Cel MO
	<i>Followed by a champagne reception in Parish Hall</i>	Pr MO
Thursday 25th	<b>Christmas Day—The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	Pr JJ
0830	<b>Holy Communion (1662 BCP)</b>	Cel JJ
1030	<b>Solemn Eucharist</b>	Cel MO
1630	<b>Messe Malgache</b>	Pr NR
Friday 26th	Stephen, deacon & proto-martyr	
1830	Eucharist	
Saturday 27th	John, apostle and evangelist	
1200	Eucharist	
1800	Eucharist en français	Cel JJ
Sunday 28th	<b>1st Sunday of Christmas—The Holy Innocents</b>	Pr AR
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel JJ

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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):

**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 makes 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 with awe, Gavest thy folk the ancient law.**

**O come, thou root of Jesse, draw The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the 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 fro 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 conerstone, uniting all, Restore the ruin of our fall.**

## 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

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**

*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

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 (REH 278 Her virgin eyes.).

**Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,  
When she to Bethl'em 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,  
Next to his throne her son his Mother placed;  
And here below, now she's of heaven possessed,  
All generations are to call her blest.**

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.**

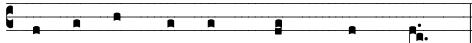
## Notices :

**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.

**Don't forget as the year draws to an end**—if you are a taxpayer in France—you can get up to 66% off your tax bill by giving to charity. If you'd like to make a donation to St George's please use the website or contact Edmund in the Office.

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.**

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,*

**6 I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.**

### Liturgy of the Word

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the antiphon for the day (REH L17) and the *Magnificat*.

*O Dayspring, Brightness of light everlasting, and sun of righteousness: Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.*

*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.*

*O Dayspring, Brightness of light everlasting, and sun of righteousness: Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.*

### Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 276).

*The Lord whom earth, and sea, and sky, Adore, and laud, and magnify,  
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns, The virgin's spotless womb con-tains.*

*The he whose will is ever done By moon and seas, by stars and sun,  
Is borne upon a maiden's breast, Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.*

*How blessed that Mother, in whose shrine The very Word of God divine,  
The maker of the earth and sky, Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.*

Blessed in the message Gabriel brought;  
Blessed in the work the Spirit wrought:  
Blessed evermore, who brought to birth The long desired of all the earth.

O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Sermon**

**Creed**

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

We call on your name, O God: **restore and revive us.**

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 21) This is the truth; ).

**This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love;  
Therefore don't turn me from the door, But hearken all, both rich and poor.**

**The first thing that I will relate, That God at first did man create;  
The next thing which to you I tell, Woman was made with him to dwell.**

**Then after that 'twas God's own choice To place them both in paradise,  
There to remain from evil free Except they ate of such a tree.**

**But they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin;  
Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of our posterity.**

**Thus we were heirs to endless woes Till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run: That he'd redeem us by his Son.**

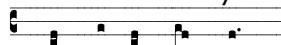
**At at this season of the year Our blest Redeemer did appear,  
And here did live, and here did preach, And many thousands he did teach.**

**Thus he in love to us behaved, To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way, Be pleased to hear what he did say:**

**'Go preach the Gospel,' now he said, 'To all the nations that are made!  
And he that does believe in me, From all his sins I'll set him free.'**

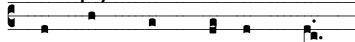
**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



and also with you.

Lift up your hearts



We lift them to the Lord.