

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.

On Monday the clergy from NE France will gather here at midday for the Eucharist and lunch to welcome the Rev'd Donald McFadyen, Chaplain of Holy Trinity, Fontainbleau, as Area Dean.

The Chaplaincy Council will be meeting on Thursday 29th January at 1915h in the Library.

You are warmly invited to Bart Konechni's thesis defence on the 29th January at 1500h in the Salle Goguel, 56 rue des Saints-Pères, Paris 7e. His subject is: **Essays on the Adoption of New Health Behaviors: A Sociological Perspective From the COVID-19 Crisis.** If this isn't gripping you perhaps you'll join him for a drink at 1900h in The Frog and Princess, 9 rue Princesse, 75006.

Next Saturday, 31 January, there is an opportunity for you to talk about the Bazaar. 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, Avril Bateman, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Pamela Bruetsch, 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, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, John & Yvonne Rogers, David Sweeney, Émile Vaillant, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul. **Those who have died:** Patricia Heymann, Christopher Marshall, Michael Slack, Claude Maurin.

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St George's, Paris

Conversion of St Paul : 25th January 2026

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.** Today the choir sings the **Missa St Crucis in G** by Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) and the motet during Communion is **Exultate Justi** by Lodovico Viadana (c.1560-1627).

	Sunday 25th	Conversion of Paul—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)	Cel JJ
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO
			Pr JJ
	Monday 26th	Timothy and Titus, companions of St Paul	
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800 / 1830	Evensong / Eucharist	Cel PH
	Tuesday 27th	Epiphany Weekday	
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist	
	Wednesday 28th	Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith	
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800/1815	Evensong / Adoration	
	Thursday 29th	Epiphany Weekday	
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist	
	Friday 30th	Charles, King and martyr	
	1800 / 1830	Evensong / Eucharist	
	Saturday 31st	John Bosco, founder of the Salesians	
	1200	Eucharist	Cel MO
	1800	l'Eucharistie	Pr MO
	Sunday 1st	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)	Cel JJ
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO
	1630	Messe Malgache	Pr JJ
			Cel NR

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the hymn (REH 205):

**We sing the glorious conquest Before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler, Came breathing threats and hate;
The ravening wolf rushed forward Full early to the prey;
But lo! the Shepherd met him, And bound him fast to-day.**

**O glory most excelling That smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded The zealot in his wrath!
Oh, voice that spake within him The calm, reproofing word!
O love that sought and held him The bondman of his Lord!**

**O Wisdom, ordering all things In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever Cast at the victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder E'er wrought at your employ
Than he, till now so furious Thy building to destroy?**

**Lord, teach your Church the lesson, Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger, To trust your hidden power:
Thy grace by ways mysterious The wrath of man can bind,
And in thy boldest foeman Thy chosen saint can find!**

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord 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.

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.

Gloria

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right

**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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread for ever.

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Notices. We then stand to sing the hymn (REH 605).

**We have a gospel to proclaim, Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name: We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim: The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary, Hated by those he came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross For all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn: Empty the tomb, for he was free;
He broke the power of death and hell That we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand By all creation glorified;
He sends his Spirit on his church To live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
This gospel-message we proclaim: We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

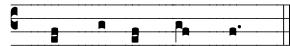
And may the blessing... always.
Amen

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Thanks be to God.

Wherever sing abounded His calling was to tend
The churches that he founded And laboured to defend.
Though fettered and in prison His letter still record
How Jesus, died and risen, is everlasting Lord.

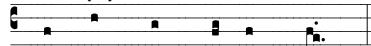
Paul's earthly course is finished, Yet still we hear his voice,
With triumph undiminished: 'Rejoice, I say, rejoice!'
Rejoice in sins forgiven, A race unwearied run,
In hope at last of heaven, To hear the Lord's 'Well done!'

The Lord be with you



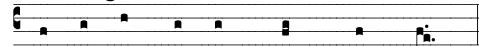
and also with you.

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.

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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God is here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing the **Agnus Dei**.

hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Sunday School leave for their activities as we listen to the Scriptures.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Please remain seated whilst the choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 67)

God be merciful unto us, and bless us * and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us; That thy way may be known upon earth * thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God * yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God * let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-16a

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin, for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when the one who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 204).

**A heavenly splendour from on high, A light too great for mortal eye,
Deprives the hunter of his prey And turns his threatening wrath away.**
**In darkened eyes, an inward light Begins to shine upon his sight,
As in his heart he hears the call To follow, and surrender all.**
**The Christ, for sinners crucified, Whose risen power he had denied,
Now claims this servant for his own, And bids him make the gospel known.**
**The nations listen to his voice, And in the peace of Christ rejoice;
The Church on earth his praises sing, Who led the Gentiles to their King.**
**Blest Paul, the convert of the Lord, May heaven's light to us afford
A blindness to the lures of sin, That we with thee a crown may win**
**To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
From saints on earth and saints in heaven, Let everlasting praise be given.
Amen.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19.27-30

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

We remain standing to pray together. At the end of each petition this response is used

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude

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.

We exchange a sign of Peace before the hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (REH 206):

**When God in mercy claimed him, That persecutor, Saul,
He called him, and renamed him His own apostle Paul.
Give thanks for his salvation When light from heaven showed
A new redeemed creation On that Damascus road.**

**A Jew by long tradition, There then to Paul was shown
A world-embracing mission To make the gospel known;
That all might hear the story Of why Messiah died,
The life-imparting glory Of Christ the crucified.**

**Paul lived to serve his Master And see his work fulfilled,
As shepherd, preacher, pastor, The church of Christ to build.
Of all that God imparted One aim alone sufficed
With Paul, the single-hearted: 'for me to live is Christ.'**