

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.

Lent 2026 St George's Now's the time to start thinking about your Lent—how are you going to practise the joy of Easter in your life? There's lots on offer online or in-person :

Ash Wednesday - 18th February 2026—is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be a Eucharist at 1200h and a Solemn Eucharist at 1930h at which ashes will be imposed.

Lenten 'Spiritual MOT' - un contrôle technique spirituel pour Carême! Is a chance to talk to any one of a team of experienced male or female, lay and ordained accompaniers here at St George's about your prayer life—what goes on for you with God. Simply email your choice to make an appointment : you can contact the Rev'd Sara:

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Stations of the Cross by Zoom every Friday at 1900h for approximately 40 minutes.

Please email Fr Mark for a Zoom link on chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org

Lent Course : The Seven Deadly Sins Four sessions by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7.15 pm on Pride, Avarice and Envy, Lust and Gluttony and finally Anger and Sloth (Feb 24, March 3, March 10 and March 17). To take part please contact Fr Jeffrey by e mail at drjphjohn@gmail.com to receive a link to join before each session.

2026 Lent Book : All Christians are monks by Fr George Guiver CR (ISBN 978-1789593464) The book group will meet in person, in homes, over 5 weeks. To take part please contact Fr Mark by email at chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org to receive details of where the group is meeting. You can sign up over coffee to buy the book or go online using the ISBN code.

Cours de Carême par Zoom : Etude biblique sur les maladies de la vie spirituelle.

Pendant les quatre séances de cette étude biblique (le jeudi, 21h-22h30, 26 fevrier, 5, 19, 26 mars), nous explorerons ensemble les « maladies de la vie spirituelle », comme l'attachement excessif à l'argent, la quête de gloire ou encore la recherche effrénée du plaisir. Face à ces défis, Dieu se révèle comme un médecin attentionné, s'approchant de chacun pour apaiser nos maux et guérir notre âme. L'étude, animée par le Révérend Nicolas Razafindratsima et Mme Sonia Taylor, sera basée sur le livre du pasteur Daniel Bourguet : «Les maladies de la vie spirituelle», éditions Olivétan, 2012. Les personnes intéressées sont invitées à s'inscrire par mail auprès du Rev Nicolas : rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com

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.

St George's, Paris

Candlemas or The Presentation of Christ: 1st February 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. Today the choir sings the *Missa St Crucis in G* by Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) and the Communion motet during will be *Exultate Justi* by Lodovico Viadana (c.1560-1627).

	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)		
0830	Holy Communion	Cel: JJ	
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel: MO	Pr: JJ
1630	Messe Malgache	Cel: NR	Pr: NR
Sunday 1st			
Monday 2nd	Feria		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Tuesday 3rd	Anskar, archbishop of Hamburg.		
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Wednesday 4th	Gilbert of Sempringham, fdr of the Gilbertines		
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament	
Thursday 5th	Feria		
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Friday 6th	The Martyrs of Japan Feria		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Saturday 7th	Feria		
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800	l'eucharistie en français	
Sunday 8th	The Second Sunday before Lent		
	0830	Holy Communion	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	
	1630	Office Malgache	

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The Gathering

The service begins in the Hall with the blessing of candles and the singing of the Nunc Dimittis with its antiphon (Luke 2:25-38) (REH 643b)

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The candles are lit and a prayer is said.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you,... in your light shall we see light.

Blessed be God for ever.

The candles are then blessed with holy water as the choir sings the Song of Simeon.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,
in the midst of your temple.

Open to us the gates of righteousness

that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.

The procession to the altar begins as we sing (NEH 33) the hymn :

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
The dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.
A glory dawns in every dark place,
The light of Christ, the fullness of grace.

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
The child and his parents are left on their own. A glory dawns...

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
And offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor. A glory dawns...

But Anna and Simeon recognise there,
Th Christ-child who came at the turn of the year. A glory dawns...

The old who have suffered and waited so long
See hope for the worlds as they welcome the young. A glory dawns...

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
The joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire. A glory dawns...

The light is increasing and spring's in the air.
Look back with thanksgiving! Look forward with awe! A glory dawns...

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:

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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 339).

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till thy inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Blessing

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

And may the blessing... always. **Amen**

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

Please stand for the hymn. During this hymn a collection will be taken. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (REH 209).

**Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his temple gate,
Not with his angel host, Not in his kingly state:
No shouts proclaim him nigh, No crowds his coming wait.**

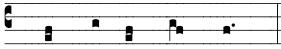
**But borne upon the throne Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her dutous love, In her fond arms at rest;
Thus to his Father's house He comes, the heavenly guest.**

**There Joseph at her side In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy, Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised child, The glory of all lands.**

**Hail to the great First-born, Whose ransom-price they pay,
The Son before all worlds, The child of man to-day,
That he might ransom us Who still in bondage lay.**

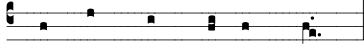
**O Light of all the earth, Thy children wait for thee:
Come to thy temples here, That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face May all presented be!**

The Lord be with you



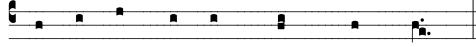
and also with you.

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:

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.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

**They see before Mary a heart -piercing grief,
But trust is complet at the end of their life. A glory dawns...**

**For Mary will follow, with tears in her eyes,
Her Saviour and Son to the foot of the cross. A glory dawns...**

**O Spirit of God, with like courage inspire
Your everyday saints who face up to despair. A glory dawns...**

**They pass through temptation, through failure, through death.
When darkness descens they plod onward in faith. A glory dawns...**

**Like Anna, like Simèon, may they have trust,
The eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last. A glory dawns...**

**The candles invite us to praise and to pray
When Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day. A glory dawns...**

Your light is come, O Jerusalem.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

There is no penitential rite so after a prayer the **Gloria** intoned.

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 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for today (Ps.24. 7-end).

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 348).

**O gladsome light, O grace Of God the Father's face,
The eternal splendour wearing; Celestial, holy, blest,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ, Joyful in thine appearing.**

**Now, ere day fadeth quite, We see the evening light,
Our wonted hymn outpouring, Father of might unknown,
Thee, his incarnate Son, And Holy Ghost adoring.**

**To Thee of right belongs All praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, Life-giver; Thee, therefore, O Most High,
The world doth glorify And shall exalt forever.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At

that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

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.