

May God the... Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

## Notices :

### Lent 2026

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 7.30 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.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** Beryl Bateman, Pamela Bruetsch, Jean-Paul Buffet, Ginette Barbé, 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, Jane Maurin, 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:** Valerie Pomel, Johary Rasaminmahazo, Francis Houdecek, Maria Barontoaldo-Furlan

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# St George's Paris

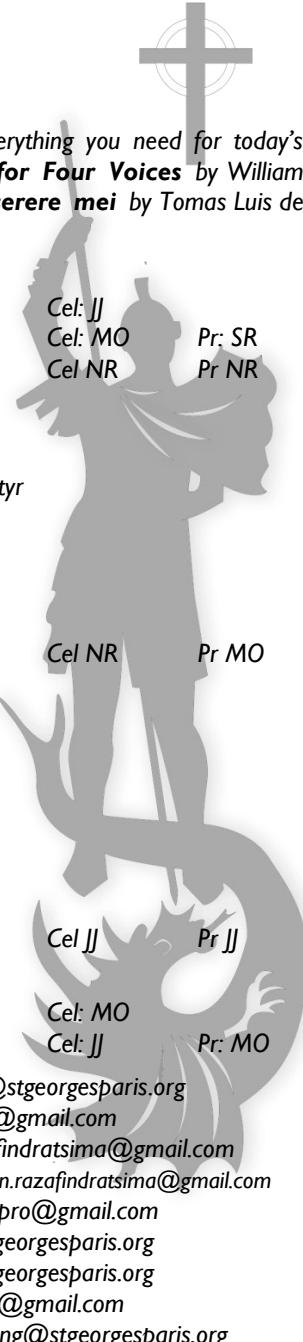
## Ash Wednesday : 18th February 2026

A warm welcome to St George's worship—online or in person. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the **Mass for Four Voices** by William Byrd (c.1539-1623) and the motet during Communion will be the **Miserere mei** by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611).

Sunday 15th	Sunday next before Lent	
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel: JJ
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel: MO
1630	Messe Malgache	Cel NR
Monday 16th	Feria	Pr: SR
1800/ 1830	Evensong/ Eucharist	Pr NR
Tuesday 17th	Janini Luwum, archbishop & martyr	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist	
Wednesday 18th	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
1200	Eucharist with Ashing	Cel NR
1930	Solemn Eucharist with Ashing	Pr MO
Thursday 19th	Lenten Feria	
0915	Morning Prayer	
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist	
Friday 20th	Lenten Feria	
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist	
Saturday 21st	Lenten Feria	
1200	Eucharist	
1800	Eucharistie en français	
Sunday 22nd	<b>Lent I</b>	
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		Pr: MO

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (REH 79):

**Again we keep this solemn fast, A gift of faith from ages past,  
This Lent which binds us lovingly To faith and hope and charity.**

**The law and prophets from of old In figured ways this Lent foretold,  
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and guide, In these last days has sanctified.**

**More sparing therefore let us make The words we speak, the food we take  
Our sleep and mirth; and closer barred Be every sense in holy guard.**

**Remember thou, though frail we be, That yet thine handiwork are we;  
Nor let the honour of thy Name Be by another put to shame.**

**Forgive the sin that we have wrought; Increase the good that we have sought;  
That we at length, our wanderings o'er, May please thee here and evermore.**

**We pray thee, Holy Trinity, One God, unchanging unity.  
That we from this our abstinence May reap the fruits of penitence. 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 the Opening Prayer sung

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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

### First Reading: Joel 2. 1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains, a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar, let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a

## Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

As we prepare for Holy Communion the choir sings 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.*

## Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.**

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 follow the directions of the Side-people. If you 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 100).

**O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free,  
A heart that always feels thy blood So freely shed for me.**

**A heart resigned, submissive, meek, My great Redeemer's throne,  
Where only Christ is heard to speak, Where Jesus reigns alone.**

**A humble, lowly, contrite heart, Believing, true, and clean,  
Which neither life nor death can part From Christ who dwells within.**

**A heart in every thought renewed And full of love divine,  
Perfect and right and pure and good, A copy, Lord, of thine.**

**My heart, thou know'st, can never rest Till thou create my peace;  
Till of mine Eden repossessed, From every sin I cease.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; Come quickly from above;  
Write Thy new name upon my heart, Thy new best name of Love.**

You are invited to remain in your seats during the Voluntary for this final act of worship.

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

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

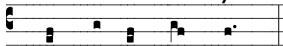
**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.  
For man's atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, For my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.**

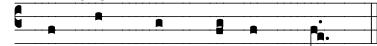
#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



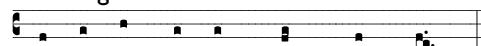
and al-so with you.

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** and **Benedictus**.

*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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.**

mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God? "

We remain seated as the choir sing the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 51.1-17).

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness \* according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults \* and my sin is ever before me. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean \* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness \* that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Turn thy face from my sins \* and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God \* and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence \* and take not thy holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of thy help again \* and stablish me with thy free Spirit. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked \* and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health \* and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord \* and my mouth shall shew thy praise. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee \* but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*

#### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commanded ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 83).

**All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrows vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress,**

**Jesus, who gave himself for you Upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you his sacred heart; O to that heart draw nigh.**

**Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear his words so blest;  
'All ye that labour come to me, And I will give you rest.'**

**O Jesus, joy of saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here,  
Attracted to those loving words To thee I lift my prayer.**

**Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood, Which forth from thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire, a new And better heart bestow.**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

**Sermon and Imposition of Ashes**

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

**God the Father; have mercy on us.**

**God the Son, have mercy on us.**

**God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.**

**Trinity of love, have mercy on us.**

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord...

all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our anger at our own frustration  
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Lord...

for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours  
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Silence is kept.*

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**  
**Amen.**

*The Imposition of Ashes follows.*

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (REH 82).*