

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 and the coffee is free!
Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin (2 euros) ou une tasse de café (gratuit) après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

Did you know that at the AGM on 12th April Andrew Taylor is standing down as Churchwarden (for health reasons) and Chude Mba is standing down as Treasurer (due to pressure of work. Is God calling you to fill one of these key roles in our common life together? Please keep the Church Council in your prayers as they search for their successors.

Congratulations to Fr Stephen and Katya McCarthy on the birth of their son, Matvey Sturtevant Ford. Mother and baby are thriving!

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

2nd Sunday of Lent : 1st March 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—**please note the seasonal changes.** Today the choir sings the **Short Communion Service in the Phrygian mode** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet will be **Let my complaint come before thee** by Adrian Batten (1591-1637).

Sunday 1st	Second Sunday of Lent		
	0830	Holy Communion	Cel: JJ
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel: MO Pr JJ
	1630	Messe Malgache	Cel: NR Pr NR
Monday 2nd	Chad, bishop of Lichfield		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Tuesday 3rd	Lenten Feria		
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Wednesday 4th	Lenten Feria		
	1200	Eucharist with Ashing	
	1800/1815	Evensong & Adoration	
Thursday 5th	Lenten Feria		
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Friday 6th	Lenten Feria		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Saturday 7th	Perpetua, Felicity & companions, martyrs at Carthage		
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800	l'eucharistie en français	Cel: NR Pr SR
Sunday 8th	Third Sunday of Lent		
	0830	Holy Communion	Cel: MO
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel: JJ Pr MO
	1630	Office Malgache	Cel: NR Pr SR

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (REH 89):

**From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed By your most holy word.**

**Through fasting, prayer, and charity, Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth And turning us from sin.**

**From desert to the mountaintop In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might We might transfigured be.**

**For thirsting hearts let waters flow Our fainting souls revive;
And at the well your waters give Our everlasting life.**

**From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, In Spirit-fire fulfilled.**

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 we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

There is no Sunday School during the School holidays.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 121)

permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 491).

**Jesu, grant me this, I pray, Ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide Hidden in thy wounded side.**

**If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

**If the flesh, more dangerous still, Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

**Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave in the silence.

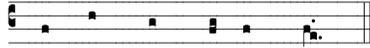
Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

May God the... **Amen.**

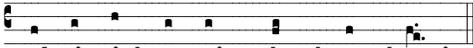
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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 choirs sing 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.

Breaking 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 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 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;

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills * from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord * who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper * the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day * neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in * from this time forth for evermore.*

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 374).

**Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.**

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and

testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Strengthen Robert and Andrew our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Bless and guide King Charles III and the President of France; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, George the Martyr and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to your unfailing love. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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 with you
and also with you.

Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (REH 570) During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, In this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song.
To him who overcometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory Shall reign eternally.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and al-so with you.