

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.

Tax Receipts are being sent out this week from the Office.

A huge thanks to all who were able to be with us to celebrate St George's Day with such style on Thursday. Great music, great preaching and great fellowship.

The Emergency Gardening Party was a huge success—thanks to all those who turned out and to those who baked to keep us going! Marvellous team work!

We want to produce another Newsletter at Pentecost this year (28th May). Please send all contributions to the Newsletter to John Crothers by Sunday 21st May.

Dates for your diary:

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| 14 May | 1030 | Ascension Day Eucharist at St Michael's, Paris |
| 24 May | 1030 | Pentecost Eucharist with the whole Chaplaincy! |
| 7 June | 1630 | Malagasy Congregation celebrates its 40th Anniversary |
| 13 June | 1800 | Choral Evensong for Adrian Shaw's Birthday |
| 28 June | 1100 | Ordination of the Rev'd Anastasia Riabchuk in Christ Church, Oxford |
| 29 June | 1900 | Friends of St George's @ All Saints Margaret Street |
| 11 July | 1130 | Ordination of Fr Stephen Razafindratsima to the Priesthood |
| 12 July | 1030 | Fr Stephen's 1st Mass where he presides at the Eucharist for the 1st time |

Please keep Stephen and Anastasia in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination. We can give thanks to God for the healing of Émile Vaillant, aged 17. The doctors can find no trace of the Stage 4 cancer for which he was being treated.

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, 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 Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Chris Defrasne,

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St George's Paris

Easter 4 : 26th April 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 **Communion Service (in F)** by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995) and the anthem is **Te Deum laudamus in Bb** by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). The voluntary is by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) **Sonata N°1 in F minor - 4th Mvt.**

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| Sunday 26th | Fourth Sunday of Easter 8.30am Holy Communion (1662 BCP) 1030 Solemn Eucharist | Cel : JJ Cel : MO Pr : JJ |
| Monday 27th | Christina Rossetti, poet 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist | |
| Tuesday 28th | Peter Chanel, missionary, priest 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist | |
| Wednesday 29th | Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith 1200 Eucharist 1800/1815 Evensong & Exposition | |
| Thursday 30th | Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist | |
| Friday 1st | Philip and James, apostles Jour Ferie—No public worship | |
| Saturday 2nd | Athanasius, bishop and Teacher of the Faith 1200 Eucharist 1800 L'eucharistie en français | Cel : NR Pr : NR |
| Sunday 3rd | Fifth Sunday of Easter 8.30am Holy Communion (1662 BCP) 1030 Solemn Eucharist 1630 Messe Malgache | Cel : GH Cel : GH Pr : GH Cel : NR Pr : NR |

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (REH 141).

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him, whose love divine Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from on high, Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight, Thou has brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled; Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy, Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free, Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee, Ever with the Spirit be.**

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together. The choir sings the Kyries and the Gloria.

Penitential Rite

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. 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 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.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.*

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,
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

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices and **The Admission of Churchwardens** after which we sing the final hymn (REH 461) :

**Father, hear the prayer we offer: Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever Live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures Do we ask our way to be,
But the steep and rugged pathway May we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters Would we idly, rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains From the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness, In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave during the organ voluntary. You are invited to remain in your seats for this final act of worship.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

Sunday School leave for their age appropriate activities.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common ; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

We remain seated as the choir sings the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 23).

*The Lord is my shepherd * therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death , I will fear no evil * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Second Reading: I Peter 2:19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 573).

**The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house for ever.**

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

Creed

During the Easter Season we affirm the faith into which we are baptised in the words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions

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

The Lord is my Shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want**
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers**
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord, Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (REH 387). During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender, Lifest up Thy people's head.
Alleluya! Jesu, true and living Bread.**

**Here our humblest homage pay we, Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for faith's discernment pray we, Lest we fail to know Thee now.
Alleluya! Thou art here, we ask not how.**

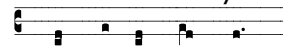
**Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Thine angels hail Thee Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya! We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, Thine offering, finished Once for all when Thou wast slain,
In its fulness undiminished Shall forever more remain,
Alleluya! Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting, heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship Thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya! Risen, ascended, glorified**

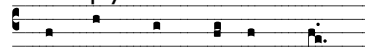
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



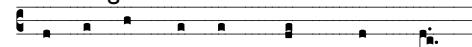
and al-so with you.

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.

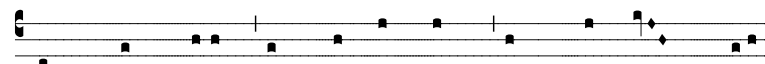
The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the Sanctus.

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



Christ has died. Christ is ri—sen. Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen. We remain standing to pray together