

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.

It's a huge privilege to welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism **Noah Abbott, Archie Rioval-Dugdale** and **Henri Williamson** this morning into the family of the Church. We send our warmest congratulations to their families!

Calendars for 2026-2027 are available this morning. Please take one home with you and stick it to the fridge or give it to your neighbour!

After Communion this morning an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, authorised by the Bishop and trained by Fr Grant, will take Holy Communion to a member of this church who is currently housebound and unable to be physically present.

On Tuesday 15th September from 19h00 there will be a meeting for the Bazaar's Stall Managers (and other interested parties) in the Assistant Chaplain's Flat (refreshments will be provided).

Confirmation Preparation for teenagers begins on Sunday 20 September at 09h15. If you are interested, please contact Fr Mark on chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org for more details.

Confirmation & Enquirers 2026. The confirmation will be on Sunday November 22nd. Adults, please let Fr Jeffrey know if you are interested, or if you know anyone who is interested, in exploring this as a possibility: drjphjohn@gmail.com

On Sunday 27 September Fr Martin Draper will celebrate the Eucharist here at St George's to celebrate his Golden Jubilee (50 years!) of Ordination as a priest. If you'd like to contribute a bottle of champagne to toast the former chaplain we'd be delighted to receive your gift.

We regularly receive kind donations during the year for the Christmas Bazaar. If you're clearing out cupboards or have friends who are moving, don't forget Ali Baba will take quality goods to help support St George's. If you want to make jam with a glut of fruit—there are loads of jam jars available in Parish Hall in the end cupboard!

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, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Kay Firth, Paul Fothergill, Anne Gould, Ophélie Goubault, Karen Griggs, Christine Harris, Vaughan Hart, Irene Hicks, Glenn Holmes, Sally Hughes, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Hans Mayer, Jane Maurin, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Miora Rabemanantsoa, John & Yvonne Rogers, William Tallon, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Miora Rabemanantsoa.

Those who have died: Nick Johnstone

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St George's Paris

Holy Cross : 13th September 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 Brevis** by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1603), and the anthem during Communion will be **Bogoroditse Devo** (from the All Night Vigil) by Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943).

Sunday 13th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel : JJ	
1030	Solemn Eucharist with Baptisms	Cel : MO	Pr : JJ
1630	Office Malgache	Cel : NR	Pr : NR
Monday 14th	Holy Cross Day		
1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist		
Tuesday 15th	Cyprian of Carthage		
0915	Morning Prayer		
1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist		
Wednesday 16th	Ninian of Galloway, apostle of the Picts		
1200	Eucharist		
1800/1815	Evensong / Adoration		
Thursday 17th	Hildegard of Bingen		
0915	Morning Prayer		
1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist		
Friday 18th	Feria		
1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist		
Saturday 19th	Theodore of Tarsus, archbishop of Canterbury		
1200	Eucharist		
1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel : NR	Pr : NR
Sunday 20th	16th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)		
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel : MO	
1030	Solemn Eucharist with Baptisms	Cel : JJ	Pr : MO
1630	Messe Malgache	Cel : SR	Pr : NR

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (REH 128):

**We sing the praise of him who died, Of him who died upon the cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride, For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross! It takes our guilt away: It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day, And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave, And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave, And gilds the bed of death with light:**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heaven above.**

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. After we receive absolution, we sing 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

Gloria 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 God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made and instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more lustre to the day.

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please be seated for the notices and the **Bénédiction des cartables** after which we sing the final hymn (REH 489). 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.*

Blessing of the Backpacks—Bénédiction des cartables

Creator God, we give you thanks for the new start which September brings.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

We thank you for schools, colleges and universities, and all who learn, teach and serve in them. Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

We thank you for places of work, for colleagues and clients, challenges and tasks.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

We thank you for the opportunity to learn and grow at every stage; for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

We bring before you these bags, which through the year to come will carry the tools of learning and working.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

We bring to you those days when these bags feel heavy and difficult, and those days when they feel light and easy.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

Bless these bags, all that they will contain, and your children who carry them.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer**

Help each of us to grow in our knowledge and love of you, that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, now and always. **Amen.**

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,

Liturgy of the Word

The Sunday School leave for their age appropriate learning

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:3-5

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Please remain seated as the choir sing the psalm for the day (Psalm 22:23-28)

*O praise the Lord, ye that fear him * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel; For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor * he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him. My praise is of thee in the great congregation * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat, and be satisfied * they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's * and he is the Governor among the people.*

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 242) :

**O Cross of Christ, immortal tree On which our Saviour died,
The world is sheltered by your arms That bore the Crucified.**

**From bitter death and barren wood The tree of life is made:
Its branches bear unfailing fruit And leaves that never fade.**

**O faithful cross, you stand unmoved While ages run their course:
Foundation of the universe, Creation's binding force.**

**The Father and the Spirit praise, And Christ the Crucified,
Whose cross stands firm while earth turns round, Be blest and glorified.
Amen.**

Holy Gospel: John 12.27-33

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a

voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people* to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Please be seated for the sermon.

Please turn to the coloured sheet for the Rite of Baptism.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (REH 243); during which a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred Name.**

**Come, let us follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. Refrain**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Refrain**

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died. Refrain**

**This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
And angels veil their faces to revere. Refrain**

**Saved by this cross whereon their Lord was slain,
The kin of Adam their lost home regain. Refrain**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
In growing unison their songs of praise. Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. Refrain**

**Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell. Refrain**

**From farthest regions let their homage bring,
And on his cross adore their Savior King. Refrain**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. Refrain**

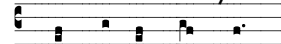
**For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before thy throne. Refrain**

Sermon

Baptism

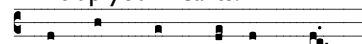
Peace

The Lord be with you



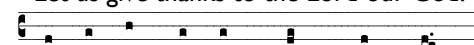
and al-so with you.

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.

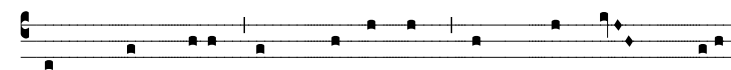
The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and then we sing the Sanctus.

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

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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

We prepare for Holy Communion by singing 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 word, 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. **Please do not intinct** (dip the bread into the common cup) as it has been banned by the bishops. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. Please follow the directions of the*