

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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.

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!

The Chaplaincy Council meets on Thursday 24th September at 1915 in the Library.

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.

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: Margaret Rizza, Nick Johnstone

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St George's Paris

Trinity 16 (Proper 20): 20th 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 **Communion Service in C minor** by Charles Wood (1866-1926), the anthem during Communion will be **Ave Maria** by Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971).

Sunday 20th

0830
1030
1630

Trinity 16 (Proper 20)

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
Solemn Eucharist
Messe Malgache

Cel : MO
Cel : JJ
Cel : SR

Pr : MO
Pr : NR

Monday 21st

1800/1830

Matthew, apostle and evangelist
Evensong / Eucharist

Tuesday 22nd

0915
1800/1830

Feria
Morning Prayer
Evensong / Eucharist

Wednesday 23rd

1200
1800/1815

Ember Day
Eucharist
Evensong / Adoration

Thursday 24th

0915
1800/1830

Feria
Morning Prayer
Evensong / Eucharist

Friday 25th

1800/1830

Lancelot Andrewes; Ember Day; Sergei of Radonezh
Evensong / Eucharist

Saturday 26th

1200
1800

Ember Day; Wilson Carlisle, fdr Church Army
Eucharist
Eucharistie en français

Cel : JJ
Pr : JJ

Sunday 27th

0830
1030

St Michael & All Angels

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
Solemn Eucharist with Baptisms

Cel : MO
Cel : MD
Pr : MD

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (REH 570):

**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 over-cometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.**

+ 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.

**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.

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.

*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. **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 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 537). 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.

**O Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end:
Be thou ever near me, My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus I have promised To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks, And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me, My Saviour and my friend.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Blessing

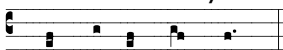
**Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
The halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.**

**Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**

**Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'**

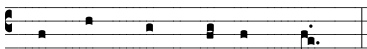
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



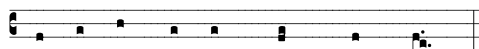
and al-so with you.

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 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.***

Opening Prayer

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Liturgy of the Word

Sunday School leave for their age appropriate activities.

First Reading: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Please remain seated as the choir sing the psalm for the day (Psalm 145.1-8)

*I will magnify thee, O God, my King * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto thee * and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised * there is no end of his greatness. One generation shall praise thy works unto another * and declare thy power. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works; So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts * and I will also tell of thy greatness. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed * and men shall sing of thy righteousness. The Lord is gracious, and merciful * long-suffering, and of great goodness.*

Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner

worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 520) :

**Lord, teach us how to pray aright, With reverence and with fear;
Though dust and ashes in thy sight, We may, we must draw near.**

**We perish if we cease from prayer, O grant us power to pray;
And when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way.**

**God of all grace, we bring to thee With broken, contrite hearts;
Give, what thine eye delights to see, Truth in the inward parts;**

**Faith in the only sacrifice That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes, On Christ, on Christ alone;**

**Patience to watch and wait and weep, Though mercy long delay;
Courage our fainting souls to keep, And trust thee though thou slay.**

**Give these, and then thy will be done; Thus, strengthened with all might,
We, through thy Spirit and thy Son, Shall pray, and pray aright.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Sermon

Please be seated for the sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (REH 685c):

*I 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, 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

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

Not our will: **but your will, Lord, be done.**

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 509); during which a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?

**'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet none other may we see:
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts to-day.**