

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.

A warm welcome to Fr Martin Draper celebrating his Golden Jubilee (50 years!) of priesthood. You are warmly invited to drink his health this morning with a glass of champagne after the Eucharist.

Next Sunday will be our Harvest Festival. All gifts of food and toiletries will go to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, rue Copernic. They work with refugees, the homeless and the vulnerable referred by the Mairie.

A new group for Young Adults will start on Friday 16 October with a Eucharist at 19h30 followed by supper in the Club Room. A weekly online Bible Study on Wednesday at 20h00 and regular worship and opportunity to deepen friendship and seek support will make up the life of the group. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list or the WhatsApp Group please contact Fr Mark on chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org

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.

Confirmation Preparation for teenagers meets on Sundays 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

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 17 (Proper 21): 27th 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 **Mass for four Voices** by William Byrd (1543 - 1623), the anthem during Communion will be **Behold, the tabernacle of God** by William Harris (1883 - 1973) and the voluntary is the **Toccata** by Georgi Mushel (1909 - 1989).

Sunday 27th	0830 1030	Trinity 17 Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist	Cel : MO Cel : MD	Pr : MD
Monday 28th	1800/1830	<i>Feria</i> Evensong / Eucharist		
Tuesday 29th	0915 1800/1830	<i>Michael & All Angels</i> Morning Prayer Evensong / Eucharist		
Wednesday 30th	1200 1800/1815	<i>Jerome</i> Eucharist Evensong / Adoration		
Thursday 1st	0915 1800/1830	<i>Remigius of Rheims; Earl of Shaftesbury</i> Morning Prayer Evensong / Eucharist		
Friday 2nd	1800/1830	<i>Feria</i> Evensong / Eucharist		
Saturday 3rd	1200 1800	<i>Bishop George Bell</i> Eucharist Eucharistie en français	Cel : SR	Pr : SR
Sunday 4th	0830 1030 1630	Harvest Festival—Trinity 18 Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist Messe Malgache	Cel : MO Cel : MD Cel : NR	Pr : MO Pr : MO

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (REH 484):

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest..**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace!**

**Jesus! my shepherd, husband, friend, My prophet, priest, and King;
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of thy name Refresh my soul in death.**

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

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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 400). 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.

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs To clamour never waken.**

**Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright, Thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread thy holy courts From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by thy Body fed With thy new life replenish.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Lift up your hearts.

Year	Number of cases (approx.)
1990	20,000
1991	80,000
1992	40,000
1993	30,000
1994	35,000
1995	60,000
1996	30,000
1997	25,000
1998	20,000
1999	10,000
2000	15,000

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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 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*

at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.* Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Please remain seated as the choir sing the psalm for the day (Psalm 25.1-8).

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee * O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed * but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Shew me thy ways, O Lord * and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me * for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies * and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth * but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. Gracious and righteous is the Lord * therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement * and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 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. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 182) :

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:**

**Thy blessèd unction from above Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light The dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along This may be our endless song,**

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

O God, work in us: inspiring both will and deed.

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

**Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.**