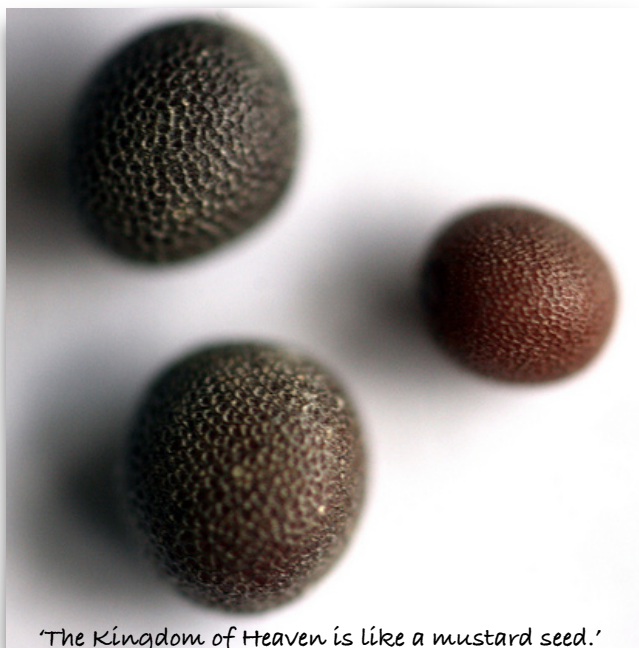


St George



'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed.'

Eighth Sunday After Trinity 26 July 2026

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Church for our 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Parish Eucharist 5.30pm Evening prayer Large Print service-books are available. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid. Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.

KINGS

The Book of Kings relates the history of Israel from the declining days of King David through the beginning of the Babylonian exile. The first section (ch 1-3) narrates the circumstances of Solomon's ascent to the throne and describes the source of his wisdom, his behaviour, his reign over all Israel in a united kingdom and the building of the Temple.

SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting St George's Church. You can make your donation even more valuable if you use the envelopes provided as we are able to reclaim the tax on your gift, but only if you fill in the details on the front of the envelope. **Or** use the **new contactless payment** unit by the front door (choose the gift aid option)

readings

1 Kings 3.5-12 Solomon's prayer comes out of the tradition that he possessed wisdom above all other virtues. A tone of humility fills the words of the prayer; yet this is in stark contrast to the Solomon we know through the biblical record of his reign.

Romans 8.26-39 Paul deals with several subjects of the utmost significance: prayer, the assurance of salvation, predestination, the sovereignty of divine love, the spiritual bond between God and the believer.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 The OT contained many parables growing out of the oral tradition (the parable of the mustard seed is similar to Ezekiel 17.23 and Daniel 4.20) which would have been common amongst the Galilean community. Jesus uses these memorable parables as simple stories, yet they also serve to conceal his message from those who were hostile to him.

hymns

Processional: 498 Son of God, eternal Saviour
Gradual: 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Offertory: 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Post communion: 354 Eternal Father, strong to save
489 National Anthem (vv. 1+2)

music

Psalm: 119.129-136

Setting: *St George's Mass* - Caesar

Offertory anthem: *Never weather-beaten sail* - Shepherd

Communion anthem: *Be still, my soul* - Sibelius

Voluntary: *Imperial March* - Elgar

psalm 119. 129 - 139 (8am service)

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

**The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

**Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments.**

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

**My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your law.**

junior church - is taking a break over the summer.

Activity sheets are on the table by the front door for our young worshippers.

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 75

First Reading: 1 Kings 6. 11-14, 23-end

Second Reading: Acts 12. 1-17

Sunday 2 August 2026 - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Year A)

8.00am - Holy Communion (said)

9.30am - Parish Eucharist

5.30pm - Evening Prayer

Eucharist

First reading: Isaiah 55.1-5

Second reading: Romans 9.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

Evening Prayer

Exodus 34. 29 - end

2 Corinthians 3.

notices

Sea Sunday today 26 July 2026 - 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sea Sunday is an annual worldwide Christian event dedicated to praying for and supporting all seafarers and their families. It recognises the vital, often unseen, work of the people who keep us safe, and global trade moving. This year we welcome members of the Sidcup Branch of the Royal Naval Association to our service and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Living Well Foodbank - We are a foodbank hub for Living Well Bromley. Food or financial donations may be left between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. We are seeking to increase food stocks to cope with the increased demand over the school holidays. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated. *Nigel and Anne*

Friends of the Churchyard - Sunday 9 August 2026 2.30pm - we will next meet on 9 August, if anyone can spare an hour or more to help please email the office or speak to Carol after the 9.30am service. Many thanks Carol.

St George's Church Guided History Tours 2026 will take place on 7, 8 and 9 August with two events each day. Flyers available at the back of the church and sign up by contacting the parish office on 0208 663 6996 or email office@stgeorgesbeckenham.co.uk

details of tours below. There is a suggested donation of £5.

Any queries speak to Joan Conway.

History and Monuments 7 August at 10.00am

Stained Glass 7 August at 2.00pm

Churchyard 8 August at 12noon

History and Monuments 8 August at 2.00pm

Stained Glass 9 August at 12noon

Churchyard 9 August at 2.00pm

St George's Choir will begin their summer break after the 9.30am Eucharist today.

We are grateful for their service and hope they have a lovely summer. The choir will be singing services at Chichester Cathedral on the 7, 8 and 9 August

[see website.](https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/services) <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/services>

A date for our diaries. On 29 Dec 2026 at 11am, Janey and Ian (M) will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of vows service in St George's followed by refreshments. The congregation are all invited to attend. Please let the office know if you plan to attend as we shall need to confirm numbers for catering purposes by the end of Oct.

Junior Church are now on their summer break and will return in September.

Activity sheets are available at the back of the church for young worshippers during the summer break. We are grateful to June, Janet, Melissa, Sue M, Sue F, Jenny and Bart and wish them a relaxing summer break.

calendar

Sunday 26 July

Eighth After Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

12noon Baptism

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 27 July

Feria

9.00am Church open

11.30am Craft and Chat

2.30pm Funeral in church

Tuesday 28 July

Feria

9.00am Church open

12noon Funeral in church

Wednesday 29 July

Mary, Martha & Lazarus

10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 30 July

William Wilberforce,

reformer &

Oludah Equiano &

T Clarkson, anti slavery
campaigners

9.00am Church open

Friday 31 July

Ignatius of Loyola

12.30pm Music Recital

Saturday 1 August

Feria

11.00am Music Recital

The Peace Table near the Lady Chapel has prayer cards and resources dedicated to the ongoing conflicts in the world.



'Like a merchant in search of fine pearls.'

intercessions

For those who are sick

Emma Allen

Gill Clark

Pam Carpenter

Terry Carpenter

Judi Chapman

Sue Fielder

Jack Heaton

Jill Hollamby

Alison Jones

Arlo Albert Patel (baby)

Robert Powles

Nick Sales

Logan Searle (baby)

Margaret Tonkin

Rev Margaret Tremere

Benjamin Washington

David Weston

Deirdre Wingfield - Digby

Gary Wilkins

For the Departed:

Bridget (Bunny) England - funeral in church 27 July at 2.30pm

Rosalind Paine - funeral in church 28 July at 12noon

Elvera Bryant who died on 14 July 2026 - Funeral in church on Wednesday 13 August at 12.30pm

collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

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