St George



First Sunday of Advent 29 Nov 2026

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St George's Church for our 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Sung Eucharist 5.30pm Advent Carol Service 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.

ADVENT

The Season of expectation and preparation, of watching and waiting. At the beginning of the Church year we prepare to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation. We also look ahead to Christ's final advent as judge at the end of time. Advent then, is a time of divine birth and divine judgement.

SUPPORT

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readings

Isaiah 64.1-9 Israel's need for redemption is set forth in this stark prayer written during the nation's captivity in Babylon in the 6th century BCE. As in all Hebrew prophecy, Israel's hope lies in its eternal relationship with God.

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 The first Christians believed, as Paul declares, that a new relationship with God was initiated by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Yet it would only be revealed in all its fullness when Christ returned, as promised.

Mark 13.24-37 The passage describes what the day of Christ's return will be like and how Christians should prepare for it. On the four Sundays of Advent we hear not only of Israel's expected Messiah, but of the Church's expectation that Jesus Christ will return to establish God's reign of justice, love and peace on earth.

hymns:
Processional: 1 Creator of the stars of night
Gradual: 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Offertory: 5 Hark! a herald voice is calling
Post communion: 7 Hills of the North, rejoice
music:
Psalm: 80.1-8
Setting: *Mass for Five Voices* - Byrd
Offertory anthem: *Expectation* - Casulana
Communion anthem: *O sapientia* (Plainchant)
Voluntary: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661* - J.S. Bach

psalm 80. (8am service)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Advent wreath Prayer

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

Sunday 6 Dec 2026 - Second Sunday of Advent - (Year B)
8.00am - Holy Communion (said)
9.30am - Sung Eucharist
No evening service - BYMT music events in the church at 5pm and 7.30pm

Eucharist
First reading: Isaiah 40. 1-11
Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-end
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

notices.

Today Sunday 29 November is Advent Sunday at 5.30pm we will hold our annual Advent Carol Service - everyone is welcome

Details of our Christmas Services are now available at the back of the church.

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

Craft and Chat Group **Mondays - 11.30am - 1pm**. Please bring your craft or come and learn a new one. Refreshments are provided.

Living Well Foodbank Christmas Appeal 2026 - We continue to support the foodbank with food which can be left in the trolly at the back of the church or financial support which should be handed into the office. **Flyers with the Christmas appeal items** are at the back of the church or donate online *many thanks Anne and Nigel*
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cost-of-living-crisis-appeal-3

Advent Book Groups - began on **Wed 25 Nov at 11.10am** in the Lady Chapel and via zoom from **Mon 30 Nov at 7.30pm.**
We shall be discussing ***The Anticipated Christ* by Brian Zahnd**
Spello Press 2022 ISBN: 9 780966 842128 Not available through bookshops.
Amazon - paperback - £10.65; Kindle - £8.87[AbeBooks.co.uk - used - £4.97 + delivery]

Carol Service Helpers Appeal for Sunday 20 December 2026
Can you help by providing some mince pies or volunteering to help at the hall?
We will once again be serving mulled wine and mince pies after the carol service on Sunday Dec 20. Please sign up on the noticeboard if you can provide mince pies or can help on the day with preparations and serving at the hall. Many thanks Sarah and Heather

Alb washing Please can you help with washing the servers' albs so that they are clean for Christmas. They will be ready for collection after the 9.30 Eucharist on Sunday 13 Dec and should be returned by 9.15am on Sun 20 Dec.

Altar vessels cleaning- Wed 16 Dec at 9.00am (before the 10.30 am Holy Communion) please come and help clean the altar vessels ready for Christmas. Please bring an apron and gloves and, if you have it, silver cleaning equipment.

Christmas sidespersons: are required for welcoming the many visitors to our Christmas services in the coming weeks. Those services that are particularly busy are - the Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sun 20 Dec; the Christingle Service at 4pm and the Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and the 9.30am service on Christmas Day. Please speak to one of us if you can help - with thanks in anticipation! Jane, Nigel and Sarah

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.

calendar

Sunday 29 Dec
First Sunday of Advent
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5.30pm Advent Carol Service

Monday 30 Dec
Andrew the Apostle
9.00am Church open
11.30am Craft and Chat
7.30pm Advent Book Group Zoom

Tuesday 1 Dec
Feria
9.00am Church open

Wednesday 2 Dec
Feria
10.30am Holy Communion
11.15am *Advent Group*

Thursday 3 Dec
Feria
9.00am Church open

Friday 4 Dec
Feria
9.00am Church open
12.30pm *Recital*

Saturday 5 Dec
11.00am Music Recital
3pm and 7pm BYMT events in church



intercessions

For those who are sick
Adah B. Broome
Enid Bateman
Gill Clark
Pam Carpenter
Terry Carpenter
Judi Chapman
Jack Heaton
Jill Hollamby
Graham Howard
Ian Kendrick
Arlo Albert Patel (baby)
Robert Powles
Nick Sales
Logan Searle (baby)
Rev Margaret Tremeer
Benjamin Washington
David Weston
Deirdre Wingfield - Digby
Gary Wilkins

For the Departed:
Emma Allen - died on 5 Sept 2026
John Candlish - who died last week

collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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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