



PUBLIC WORSHIP RESUMES

From 2nd December onwards public worship is allowed again in churches. Our usual pattern of services will therefore resume from Sunday 6th December with the 8am and 10.30am celebrations of the Eucharist. Both services will be livestreamed to allow those who are unable to come to church to participate. We will also return to our previous weekday pattern, with Morning Prayer each day at 9am and with the addition of a regular Eucharist for Advent at 10am on Thursdays. Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday until midday. We continue in prayer for an end to the pandemic, for all the sick and for key workers.

Advent IV

20th December 2020

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Fr Sam

Readings Philippians 4:4-7, John 1:19-28

10.20am Advent Carol sung outside church before the service (socially distanced) - all welcome

10.30am All Age Eucharist

Fr Sam

Readings 2 Samuel 1:1-11, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Music Franck - Prelude pour l'Ave Maris Stella

Kyrie and Sanctus: Stanford in D

Offertory: Bairstow - Prelude on Veni Emmanuel

Communion: Crotch: Be peace on earth

Flor Peeters - Toccata sur Ave Maris Stella

In the Coming Week

Tuesday to **Thursday**, 9.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday, Christmas Eve Open church until midday

3 pm Crib Service

11 pm Midnight Mass

Friday, Christmas Day

8 am BCP Eucharist

10:30 am Family Eucharist

Next Sunday—St John the Evangelist

27th December 2020

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Ven Paul Taylor

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Ven Paul Taylor

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In the Anglican Communion

For mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world

In the diocese

For encouragement and welcome all those joining Christingle services.

In the parish

For all visitors to St George's, and for those who cannot come this year, especially the schools and families, and members of the congregation.

Those who are ill:

John Wynn

Miroslava Blahova

Nick Sales

Jo Cox

Carol Smith

Margaret Smith

Jayne Mertling-Blake

Ken Lee

Janet Taylor

Natalie Paul

Esme Sands

Anne Phelps

Philip Hassall

Mary Howard

RIP

Monique Hubert

Prayer for the Week:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord

WITH SYMPATHY

We received sad news that Monique Hubert passed away recently, in her 99th year. We offer our condolences to her son Bertrand and members of the family.

FUTURE NOTABLE DATES

Christmas Eve, 3pm Crib Blessing and 11pm Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day, 8.00am BCP Holy Communion and 10.30am Family Eucharist

PARISH MAGAZINE AND PEW SHEET

Material for the parish magazine should be submitted to Justin Pinkess by 10th January to be included in the February edition. The deadline for Pew Sheet items are Wednesdays at 10am.

ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Another missing activity during this Christmas season because of Covid-19 is our collection of toys for the Karis Neighbour Scheme which so many of us enjoyed doing. Like so much of ordinary life, Karis's celebrations have changed but their much needed work in the neighbourhood has increased. For this reason, the PCC has designated them as our chosen charity for 2020.

Please will you help us support them and the many families they assist by your donations? Gifts for the *Karis Neighbour Scheme* should be so identified and will be welcomed by the Churchwardens.

OUTDOOR CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve, 3pm. Socially-distanced carol singing from 2.45pm. Children (and indeed adults!) are invited to wear their own costumes this year - dress up as your favourite nativity character.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

We will keep the Epiphany on Wednesday 6th January with the Eucharist at 7pm. The setting will be sung by Hugh Houghton. Please come along to mark the end of the twelve days of Christmas festivities.

ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

The Calthorpe Estates has, once again, provided us with a beautiful decorated tree to lend more festive cheer during this season of Advent. We thank them most sincerely for their generosity.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY

Margaret Davis is still collecting used postage stamps for a charity. Ideally, please could they have an envelope margin of about an inch. *Thank you, Caroline Shaw.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

These will go ahead as planned unless there are further restrictions. Christmas Eve: Outdoor Crib Service, 3pm; Midnight Mass 11pm; Christmas Day: Holy Communion (BCP), 8am; Family Eucharist (with a talk/activity suitable for children), 10.30am. All are welcome. We are not asking people to book, but it would be helpful for planning if regular congregation members could let us know which services you hope to attend by emailing office@stgeorgesedgbaston.org.uk

ACCESS TO 8am SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The 8am service of Holy Communion (BCP) will be open to worshippers in the sanctuary and will be streamed live on www.facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston. Alternatively, you may join the service by phone or internet teleconference. To join the service from any telephone: dial 0121 720 3377 and, when prompted, enter the meeting code 898 358 214 followed by the # ('hash') key. Your voice will be heard in church on a loudspeaker. You will need the Book of Common Prayer to follow the service. We do not have a freephone number available so please be aware of the cost of calls to 0121 numbers in your call plan. Alternatively, from a computer or smartphone using an internet browser or Microsoft Teams click on this link: [8AMBCP](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/8AMBCP).

THANK YOU

Thank you to Venerable Paul Taylor for officiating on Sunday 27th December. We are very grateful to him for helping to sustain our worshipping life together.