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Sundays:

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Eucharist & Sunday
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Mondays:

6 p.m. Guided Meditation (Side Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday

8 a.m. Morning Prayer
6 p.m. Evening Prayer
6.30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Also on Wednesday:

Holy Communion 12 noon.

Saturday:

Morning Prayer 8 a.m.
Eucharist 8.30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6 p.m.

Confessions are heard by appointment

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Trinity 22

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WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed.

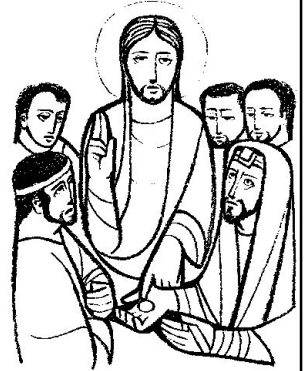
Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship this morning.

We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22

Jesus knew the Pharisees were up to no good. He said, *"Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece. "This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?" They said, "Caesar." "Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his."*



The lightness with which Jesus deals with financial questions is remarkable. No 'stewardship', no dogma, no argument. At other times he condemns greed and encourages generosity. But for now his message is simply this: financial responsibilities in civic matters are insignificant compared to the call to love God first in everything. The emperor's head on the coin indicated that it belonged to him. Today we shall pour on Sophie's head Baptism water, signifying that she belongs to God. Who do you belong to? In these difficult times we need to remember that all things come from God and of His own do we give him. Putting God first might not be a bad idea.

A Farewell message from Barry Perrott

I have been around for long enough for you to know that public speaking is not one of my forte's but I would like to thank you all for accepting me so readily. I have always been a bit of a wild one and am inclined to shock people. But you have taken me in your stride. Jesus is the only one I have ever met who has managed to tame me and I don't expect anyone else to do so.

I have never come across a church where there was so much love between vicar and congregation –no-one raises their voices, -except in song. Surely that is what Christianity is all about? In the main you have taken to Pierre Teilhard de Chardin both intellectually and sensitively but we must never forget that love and happiness are so closely related that they are almost the same thing.

I once attended a conference where the first speaker, instead of "Ladies and Gentlemen" said simply, "Friends" and the next speaker said "Ladies and Gentlemen may I be friends too?" .

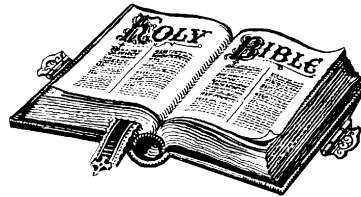
W.S. Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan fame, in Iolanthe, got it right when he said, "In for a penny in for a pound It's love that makes the world go round".

Good luck! You'll win.

Bible Reading

Do you find it impossible to find time to read the Bible?

Well, If you are I guess some might say you are just too busy. But to be sensibly realistic a lot of people have to juggle a whole series of priorities. St George's supports the work of the Bible Reading Fellowship, and distributes Notes which provide background assistance for daily reading of a short passage of scripture, you'll find copies on the shelf at the back of the church. There are other publications for those wanting a deeper understanding of the Bible and its meaning for today. You may also want to think about investing in a new Bible. Also on the back shelf are copies of the New Revised Standard Version, the version we use on Sunday £14.99. Shortly we shall be receiving a few copies of a new version called 'The Message' that you may find challenging! 26th October is Bible Sunday 2008 and anyone who would like more details of the work of BRF should visit www.brf.org.uk <<http://www.brf.org.uk>> .



Kensington & Chelsea Music Society

As a consequence of the closure for refurbishment of Leighton House I am delighted to be able to welcome the K & C Music Society to St George's for a few of their concerts. Full details of concerts to be held here and at other locations are to be found in a brochure at the back of the church. The first concert will be held here on the 27th November with music by Mozart, Bartok, Rossini and others played by the London Concertante, regarded as one of the finest chamber ensembles in Europe. The concert will begin at 7.30pm. For further details check their website: www.kcmusic.org.uk



Seeking Truth: Science, Mystery and Human Identity St Paul's autumn programme 2008

Some of you may know that there's a programme of public events at St Paul's every autumn about one of the great issues of our times. We've had programmes in the last few years about global poverty reduction, climate change and contemporary childhood, and this year we're turning to science and religion.

This is, in part, a response to the popular perception that science and faith are mutually exclusive: that science makes you an atheist, or that in order to believe in God you have to ignore scientific reality. In this programme we're bringing together eminent scientists and theologians to discuss what insights each discipline brings to some of the big questions that the science/religion debate raises: does science make you an atheist; is there a purpose to the universe; does creation need, or imply, a Creator; and, what is a human being? There are evening debates in the cathedral on these subjects on the four Tuesdays in October and I know that Fr Michael is organising a group and supper afterwards nearby for those who would like to join him afterwards to discuss what's been said.

You might also be interested in a series of Sunday evening services in October and early November in which leading professional scientists who are also Christians discuss their own faith and its relationship to their work. They are a cosmologist, a physicist, a botanist and an inventor, and the services are gentle and meditative, involving music and readings, as well as conversations with the scientist.

Would you be interested to join a group at this presentation and perhaps continue on to a restaurant local to St Paul's for supper and to continue the discussions? Please let me know.

Flowers

We are grateful to the Jansen's family for the church flowers today. They are given in loving memory of Minh Nguyan.