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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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Christ the King

23th November 2008

WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S

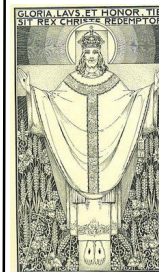
Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed.

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.

Christ the King Sunday



Christ the King is a title of Jesus based on several passages of Scripture and used by all Christians. Most denominations celebrate, in honour of Christ under this title, the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (today), before a new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, the earliest date of which is 27 November. The Feast of

Christ the King is thus on the Sunday that falls between 20 and 26 November inclusive. The title "Christ the King" is also frequently used as a name for churches, schools, seminaries and hospitals. The Gospel for today reminds us that God is looking to see whether or not our lives, demonstrated by our words and actions, witness to a sincere faith in Christ who is 'God of the poor, friend of the weak'. How are you going to measure up?

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

Christmas Help Please

'Though Christmas still seems a way off, organising our **Kensington Christmas Giving** is well under way. For the last 10 years or so parishioners of St George's have been a pillar of giving to the most isolated and needy of our elderly neighbours who are identified by the RBKC social workers. I have managed the various lists over the years, but now we are not in London every weekend and so this project very badly needs a couple of people who regularly attend church on Sunday to volunteer to hold the lists and liaise with Fr Michael re announcements and progress reports. We also need one person to organise the rota of drivers who collect our elderly party guests on Christmas Day. It is fun to interact with fellow parishioners and an excellent way to get to know each other. If you would consider either holding the lists so people can sign up to give a present after church, or if you would consider helping organise the driving rota of volunteers who pick elderly guests up on Christmas Day - thank you and please email me at luce@briance.co.uk <<mailto:luce@briance.co.uk>> or telephone 0207 937 2113 and she will get in touch.

A Simple Request, Please

The rear pews of the church are becoming more congested as increasing numbers try to squeeze into the back rows. Please it would help everyone if you **moved forward** a little, PLEASE? It would give those who arrive late somewhere to sit, it would allow parents whose child might be a little restless to pop out into the community space for a while and would also mean that a greater number of you might stop telling me you can't hear!

Advent Savings

Christian Aid is offering us an Advent email with daily tips to help beat the credit crunch this Christmas, and benefit the planet and its people at the same time. The handy hints and tips, which will be emailed daily from the 1 December 2008 until Christmas Eve on the 24th, "are designed to help consumers save cash, cut their carbon emissions and have some Yuletide fun," says the NGO, which is involved in advocacy and education both at home and abroad. Making Christmas decorations from found or recycled materials is another possibility, says Christian Aid. "Use holly and pine cones collected from local woods to decorate the house, get the kids to make paper chains from old magazines and bake some gingerbread to hang on the tree. Making your own can be cheap, fun and will keep the kids amused for hours." There are also tips include how to cut costs on food, fuel, fashion, entertainment and more. Those interested can register for the daily advent tip at: www.christianaid.org.uk/advent

Fairtrade Stall



FAIRTRADE

Guarantees
a **better deal**
for Third World
Producers

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting Christian Aid and other charities, we have started trialing a monthly stall selling Christian Aid and Fairtrade products and cards from the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust . The stall has already proved a huge success but don't worry if you missed out first time or want to make a repeat purchase as the stall will be in place again in the community space after the service on 7 December. We will again have a fabulous range of cards, wrapping paper, small gifts and oh so tasty Fairtrade food. So don't miss out on your last chance to wrap up all that Christmas present and card buying in one go and help a number of good causes, including some of the world's poorest people, at the same time. Come and have a look after the service and one of our highly trained stall holders will be more than happy to help you choose the perfect cards and gifts for your loved ones.



Christmas Day lunch party

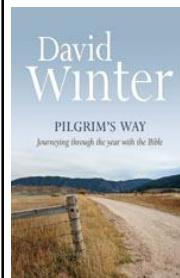
This year again we working together with our neighbouring churches to organise a Christmas Day lunch party held at St Mary Abbots Church Hall for some of our elderly neighbours. We are urgently in need of people to help transport our guests from their home to the church hall and to return them after the lunch. The guests, all of whom live in the area, need to be collected between 12.15 and 12.45 and returned home around 3pm. If you feel you might be able to help, even for just one leg of the journey, please contact Steve Egget who is helping to coordinate this event. If you are not yet sure of your plans then a provisional offer of help is still welcome. Speak to Steve after the service or he can be contacted by e-mail at steve@steve-eggett.com



Advent

The season of Advent begins on the 30th November. Advent could be, if we put our minds to it and important way of really celebrating Christmas rather than see it as the run up to a holiday filled with parties, shopping expeditions and excesses we could use it as a real time of preparation and contemplation.

We shall begin our church observance do Advent on Advent Sunday (30th November) with the usual 8am and 10am service, with the readings for Advent, Advent carols and an Advent reflection at 10am. Then, in addition, at 6pm we shall have a candlelit Advent Carol service with our professional choir readings and reflections. Do please plan to be with us on these occasions.



You might like to, as part of your discipline for this season, take on some reading and I am recommending a new book by a very fine Christian writer called David Winter, at one time presenter of Radio 4s 'Thought for the Day'. The book entitled 'Pilgrim's Way' is a daily 'dip-in' with the readings grouped into monthly sections with a text, commentary and a final thought. This will not take up hours of your day but may introduce you to the daily discipline of spending a little time with God each day, and who knows where that might lead? Copies of the book are on sale at the back of the church, price £8.99.