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Sundays:

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Family Eucharist & Sunday School

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

Financial Position of our Church



It looks as if in 2008 we will **just have managed to break even, financially**; this is in spite of very generous giving by some people and a paring of expenses.

Can you please help us to improve this situation by **reviewing your giving** and perhaps if you do not already have one establish a bank standing order, or if you have one perhaps **making a slight increase in**

your giving. Standing Order forms are available at the back of the church, on the notice board. For our part we will make every effort to reduce expenditure. Thank you

Administrative Assistant

We are anxiously looking for someone who could give about an hour a week to the Parish Office on a simple 'office type' task, the requirements are some numeracy and the ability to attend the office regularly. If you can help please let me know.



The St George's Times

Aubrey Walk, London, W8



Conversion of St Paul

25th January 2009

WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S

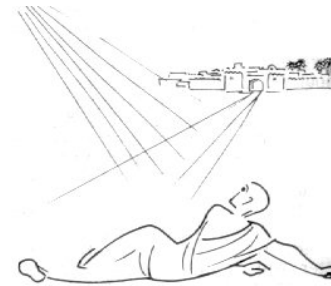
Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed.

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 is the Celebration of the Conversion of St Paul



Of all the unlikely people to be one of the founders of the Christian movement Saul of Tarsus, later to become St Paul, must rank amongst the most unlikely. He fought against the growing Christian community, thwarting them at every move. Then one day on a solitary walk from Jerusalem to Damascus it dawned upon Saul that he might just have got things wrong. Steeped in the Hebrew scriptures, as he was, he searched into his memory to see what the prophets had foretold of Jesus. Then it dawned upon him just how wrong he had got it and in a flash he began to really connect with God through Jesus! We too can stop and reflect upon Jesus and if we put ourselves in a position to connect, the light will dawn upon us.

Kensington Deanery Synod

The meeting planned for Wednesday 28th January at Heythrop College is **postponed** until further notice.

Christmas Outreach

A huge thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Giving a great success this year. Our churches, working together bought presents for 81 of our elderly neighbours in the Royal Borough. Most of the recipients are not able to send thanks, but the social workers wanted you to know how much your thoughts and presents mean to their clients.

On Christmas Day 34 guests came to our Christmas Feast at SMA Hall, the food generously provided by the Royal Garden Hotel. Our team of drivers, so kindly and efficiently organised by Steve Egget, were brilliant in adapting and coaxing some slightly confused guests to get dressed, bundle up and join the carols. Special thanks to all of you who gave up some of your Christmas Day not only to drive, but help at the party. It is the volunteers who create such a happy and festive atmosphere that infects in the best possible way. Pictures speak better than words, so if you would like me to email you a selection of photos, please send your email address to luce@briance.co.uk or look for a collage of photos on the church notice board. An enormous thank you to Lucille, Richard and their family for such an enormous effort!

Sunday School

One of the most important challenges that we face as a Church Community here in Campden Hill is how best to care for/incorporate/educate our children/young people. Under Minh Tam we have a very loyal small group of leaders, but **we need to strengthen our team** and share the load. We have detailed guidelines to help you prepare the activity-based lessons and you would not be required to on hand every week. Please let me or Minh Tam know if you might be able to assist.

St George's Church



Did you know that **our Church is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12:30**? It might be a good idea to make a break during the day and come to the church for private meditation. Do you feel pressured, can you not find enough time for yourself, can you not find enough space for yourself? Why not try to come to the church, and spend a little time in silence praying for your own needs as well as for your loved ones and soon you will notice a difference in your life. **Why not give God a chance to speak to you?**

Gaza crisis & Christian Aid

Firstly a **big thank you** to those who have donated to the Christian Aid appeal. As you will know both Israel and Hamas have now declared a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. Christian Aid's response to the ceasefire announcement can be found on their website. Their local partner organisations responded immediately - distributing food and blankets, reopening clinics shut during the bombardment and getting medical assistance to casualties. But it is only now that the extent of devastation is being revealed. The UN estimates that four thousand homes are ruined and tens of thousands of people are homeless. A number of hospitals and health facilities have been damaged, while the number of wounded is far more than Gaza's health system can cope with. Food supplies are low and 400,000 Gazans are without running water. The message from all those working on the ground is clear: the emergency is not over. It is critical that all crossings into Gaza are immediately opened to deal with the devastating human disaster. Your donations will be vital as our partners in Gaza continue to do what they can for those affected by the conflict.

What next? Christian Aid needs unfettered humanitarian access to cope with the current emergency but we also need to look to the future. Christian Aid and their partners will be there as people start to rebuild their shattered lives over the months ahead. **Your donation will make a huge difference in this work.** A new emphasis on a meaningful peace process is also critical. The international community must not make the mistakes of the past and must now engage with all those involved in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict to ensure a comprehensive, just and viable solution to guarantee peace and security for all involved.

How to help? Initially please write to the Israeli embassy, the Palestinian Mission and our Prime Minister urging them to work more earnestly for peace. There is also a plate for donations at the back of the church.

Confirmation



The sacrament of Confirmation is that moment when we take on, as grown up, the promises made on our behalf at our Baptism. There is a simple period of preparation for this and it can be adapted to suit your/or your children's needs. The Bishop will confirm our candidates at **St Mary Abbots Church on Ascension Day Thursday 21st of May (2009)**. Please talk with me if you feel this is a step you might like to take. If you feel your child might be ready to make their first Communion also please talk with me.