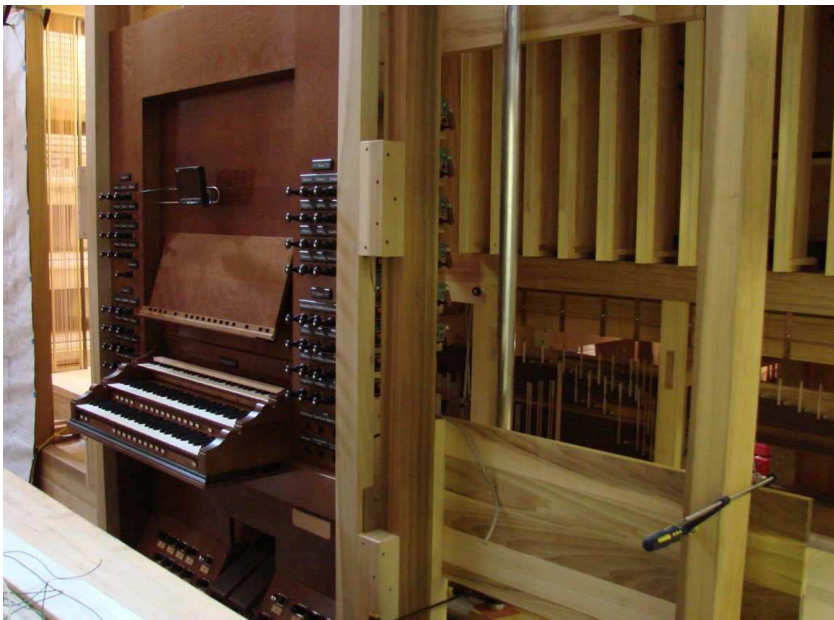


Newsletter

of the Parish Church of St George Hanover Square incorporating The Grosvenor Chapel

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St George's new organ assembled in Richards Fowkes' factory

Observant readers will already have noticed the first of a number of changes highlighted in this edition of the Parish Newsletter. Instead of publishing quarterly, we will now be producing just three issues a year: in November, March and June. While readers will, we hope, applaud the Vestry's wish to economise, we would welcome your thoughts on this step and any suggestions you may have. A number of you have indicated your willingness to receive the Newsletter as an email attachment and if you would like to join the growing list of those in this category, please contact the Parish Ad-

ministrators whose contact details may be found on page 4. Likewise, if you are a regular member of the Sunday congregation and would be willing to pick up your copy from the back of the church thus saving us the cost of a second class stamp, please let us know.

Other changes that can be read about in the current issue, include the start of a Sunday School in the New Year and the introduction of MIDDAY PRAYER during the week. The Rector deals with the former in some detail in his Letter on page 2, while the latter is reflected upon on page 8.

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As is the case with most central London churches, the majority of those who worship at St George's on a Sunday, travel some distance to do so. Few Sunday worshippers are also able to come to the church during the week. And yet the church is seldom empty on weekdays. Visitors call in to see a famous building, the homeless seek shelter (see page 9), and office workers drop in for a moment of quiet reflection during a busy day. This is St George's weekday 'congregation' to whom we minister in various ways, and with whom we can now share our daily act of MIDDAY PRAYER.

And yes, finally, the organ is coming. After a number of delays, Bruce Fowkes and his five-man team from Tennessee are scheduled to arrive in London at the end of December to begin work on installing the new instrument in January.



Letter from the Rector

havens left for our savings (the interest rate not even keeping up with inflation) in such a time we bind ourselves to the one who does not pass away or change. *To this Father of all light, in whom, like the stars, there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of change* (James 1:17).

Provision for Children at St George's

The Parochial Church Council have discussed this issue for some time, and we have decided to see what we can offer with what is terribly limited space - we have no hall or spacious parish room. However, a good tidy up in the vestry has liberated quite a lot of space and we shall see what we can provide (on a trial basis) realistically for children who would wish to attend something akin to a Sunday School for around half an hour. They could leave the main body of the church after the beginning of the service and return for a blessing and then rejoin their family/guardian. There is to be an exploratory meeting on **Advent Sunday 27th November** after the 11am Sung Eucharist for all who are interested, and also for those who wish to help, and we are looking to employ a suitably qualified leader to help. The first Sunday on which we plan to try out these new arrangements is on **January 8th**.

Confirmation on the Third Sunday of Advent 11th December at 11am

The Rt Revd Michael Marshall will be joining us for a confirmation of 8 candidates in Advent. Please pray for those who are preparing for this sacrament: Children: Thomas Woodruffe, William Woodruffe. Adults: Dewey Atkins, Tanya

Burgess, Wendy Hiscocks, Natasha Lake, Adam Molyneux, Nancy Molyneux.

St George's glorious choir will of course be very busy in December, and I draw your attention to the annual performance of Handel's Messiah, as well as our Carol Service, which this year is on **Sunday 18th December at 6.00pm** followed by customary refreshment. All are welcome - do invite your friends.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2012

What is the reason for this year's theme?

The particular history of Poland gives rise to the worship material provided by the churches in Poland for the 2012 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The secular and ecclesiastical histories of Poland intertwine and the Polish writers remind us of "the many times that Poland was invaded, the partitions, oppression by foreign powers and hostile systems." The secular history has prompted a particular perspective for the issue of church unity. "As we pray for and strive towards the full visible unity of the church we - and the traditions to which we belong - will be changed, transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ". The - often heartbreaking - history of the Polish nation makes such a perspective all the more inspiring. Further details can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Restoration and the Richards Fowkes tracker organ.

Final touches/snagging work remains to be done as does some tweaking to the lighting, and we are very much looking forward to the arrival of the new organ in January 2012. In these difficult financial climate we nevertheless continue to keep up our efforts to raise the remaining £1 million

One of my favourite prayers is from Compline, the last monastic office of the day before going to bed. Perhaps because it is usually said in the dark by dim candlelight, maybe this has added a romantic lustre to the experience. In particular there is a reference in one of the collects to the changelessness of God, and I find my preaching has been dwelling on this theme in recent weeks:

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness...

As we approach Christmas once again, and receive the gift of our new born God, who comes again and again, always fresh, always young, it is lovely to remind ourselves of God's comfort. **Comfort Ye my People.** To remind ourselves of His changelessness. We are asked to live a life of trust in the midst of universal insecurity, and to exchange a thousand and one worries of daily living for the single concern of building up the kingdom and its justice.

When all around us seems to be gloomy and insecure, when we find there are not even any safe

we require and are very grateful indeed for two very significant and generous donations in the summer and autumn, which add to an anonymous donation of \$200,000, and £90,000 we have received from Michael and Ruth West earlier in the campaign. \$100,000 from the Taylor family - Andrew and Barbara Taylor, and Lee and Chrissy Broughton who live and work in St Louis, Missouri. Also £50,000 from George Fenton the composer who lives locally. I am particularly pleased that so many who are married at St George's keep up their strong links and affection for the church, and return for the baptism of their newborn children. We thank them for their wonderful support.

There are daily prayers in church, Monday - Friday at 12.10pm

The Mid Day Office is said on most days, but with the Eucharist on Fridays and Saints Days. Please join us if you are in the area.

Requiem for departed loved ones will be celebrated on All Souls Day, 2nd November at 5.45pm. Also on Friday 27th January at 12.10pm. Please inform the Verger if you wish to include the names of loved ones. He can be contacted at verger@stgeorghanoversquare.org

Holy Cocktail Hour Open House with drinks on Wednesdays at the Rectory, 21a Down Street W1J 7AW - entrance in Brick Street opposite the tapas bar on the following dates: 2nd and 30th November, 11th January, 1st February. Please feel welcome to drop in between 6.30-8.00pm.

The Royal Society of St George joined us for a well supported celebration of St George's Hanover Square becoming their home church on 11th October. I am their Honorary Chaplain nationally, and it was an honour for us to receive their standard and bless and dedicate it in this church where it is to reside.



The Standard of the Royal Society of St George in the Society's new home church

Carlina Walton

A number of readers will have already met Carlina Walton, the Campaign Manager for the St George's Hanover Square Foundation. For those who haven't, here she is:-



Carlina writes....

I am greatly enjoying my role here at St George's as the Campaign Manager. Set in a fantastic location with so much history inside its' heavy oak doors, I hope to raise the profile of the church and its' fundraising campaign beyond parishioners and old friends to a global audience.

We have a new Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stgeorghanoversquare) and - as we approach Christmas, I will be writing to our pledgers and pipe sponsors so they can see what we have raised to date and encourage further support.

In recent weeks, the Heritage of London Trust kindly provided a £3,000 grant and we were very lucky indeed to have received a cheque of £40,000 (£50,000 once Gift Aid is added) from a renowned composer. But more is needed as we are still over £750,000 short of the overall target of £2.5m target.

Outside of work, I am a mother of one and a folk singer song-writer.

THE LONDON SONG FESTIVAL

The 2011 London Song Festival presents a celebration of English Song with baritone Roderick Williams, mezzo-soprano Louise Winter and prize-winning young singers.



Thursday 3rd November, 7.30pm
A Celebration of Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861) and Mary Elizabeth Coleridge (1861-1907)
Songs by Elgar, Parry, Quilter, Bantock, Bridge and Maude Valerie White
Louise Winter (*mezzo-soprano*)
Mary Gifford Brown (*reader*)



Thursday 10th November, 7.30pm
Settings of English Romantic Poets
Music by Quilter, Walton, Britten, Alwyn and Delius
Anna Leese (*soprano*) New Zealand entrant in 2011 Cardiff Singer of the World
Benedict Nelson (*baritone*) Best Newcomer - Daily Telegraph Opera Highlights 2009



Thursday 17th November, 7.30pm
Settings of Thomas Hardy and AE Housman
Songs by Finzi, Ireland, Gurney, Moeran, Bax and Somervell
Roderick Williams (*baritone*)



Thursday 24th November, 7.30pm
Settings of Jacobean Poets
Songs by Warlock, Parry, Quilter, Finzi, Bush, Dring and Betty Roe
Marcus Farnsworth (*baritone*) Winner - Wigmore Hall International Song Competition; Song Prize - Kathleen Ferrier
Iestyn Morris (*counter-tenor*) Patricia Routledge National English Song Competition



Wednesday 30th November, 7.30pm
English comedy songs
Music by Flanders and Swann, Noel Coward, John Dankworth, Jeremy Nicholas and Betty Roe
Laura Casey (*soprano*)
David Stout (*baritone*)

All concerts take place at
The Church of St George, Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX

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St George's Services November 2011- February 2012

Tuesday 1st November
All Saints' Day
12.10pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 2nd November
All Souls' Day
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion (Requiem)

Thursday 3rd November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 4th November
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 6th November
20th Sunday after Trinity
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Lobo Missa Cantate Domino
Victoria Jesu dulcis memoria
Krippner Prelude & Fugue

Monday 7th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 8th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 9th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 10th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 11th November
Martin, Bishop of Tours c 397
Remembrance Day
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November
21st Sunday after Trinity
Remembrance Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion
10.55am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Fauré Requiem
Bach Fugue in E flat BWV 522ii

Monday 14th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 15th November
Machutus, Bishop & Apostle of Brittany c564
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 16th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 17th November
Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln 1200
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 18th November
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 20th November
Sunday next before Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Langlais Messe Solennelle
Durufle Tantum ergo
Langlais Final from Tripyque

Monday 21st November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

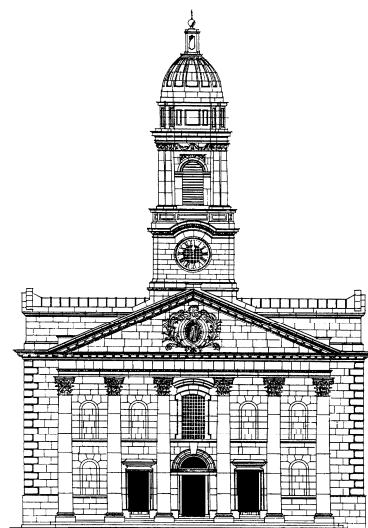
Tuesday 22nd November
Cecilia, Martyr at Rome c230
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 23rd November
Clement, Bishop of Rome & Martyr c100
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 24th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 25th November
Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 4th c
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th November
The 1st Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Guerrero Missa Sancta et Immaculata
Handel And the Glory of the Lord
Bull Fantasia in D minor



Monday 28th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 29th November
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 30th November
St Andrew the Apostle
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 1st December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 2nd December
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 4th December
The 2nd Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
(attended by the Réunion des Gastronomes)
Preacher: The Rector
Vaughan Williams Mass in G
Gibbons This is the Record of John
Krippner Paraphrase on 'Verbum Supernum'

Monday 5th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 6th December
Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c326
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 7th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 8th December
The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 9th December
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December
The 3rd Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Confirmation by Bishop Michael Marshall
Mozart Missa Brevis in D
Anon Rejoice in the Lord always
Widor Allegro from Symphony No 9

Monday 12th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 13th December
Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse 304
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 14th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 15th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 16th December
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 18th December
The 4th Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Dark in F
Carter Mary's Magnificat
Carter Toccata on Veni Emmanuel
6.00pm Carol Service

Monday 19th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 20th December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 21st December
St Thomas the Apostle
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd December
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Sunday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY
No early service
11.00pm Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Haydn St Nicholas Mass
Pearsall (arr) In dulci jubilo
Matthew Martin Novo profusi gaudio
Widor Marche Pontificale

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Sunday 1st January 2012
The Circumcision of Christ
No early service
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Victoria Missa O Magnum Mysterium
Lauridsen O Magnum Mysterium
Bach In dulci jubilo

Tuesday 3rd January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 4th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 5th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 6th January
The Epiphany
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January
The 1st Sunday after Epiphany
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Mozart Missa Brevis in D minor
Cornelius The Three Kings
Krippner Prelude & Fugue on STUTT-GART

Monday 9th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 10th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 11th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 12th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 13th January
Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers & Teacher 367
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Antony le Fleming Missa Brevis
Lassus Vinum bonum et suave
Dandrieu Grands Jeux

Monday 16th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 17th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 18th January
Prisca, Martyr at Rome c265
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 19th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 20th January
Fabian, Bishop of Rome & Martyr 250
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd January
The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Stanford in C
Crotch Lo! Star-led chiefs
Krippner Toccata

Monday 23rd January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 24th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 25^h January
Conversion of St Paul
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 26th January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 27th January
12.10pm Holy Communion (Requiem)

Sunday 29th January
The 4th Sunday after Epiphany
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Victoria Missa simile est regnum coelorum
Monteverdi Christe adoremus te
Widor Finale from Symphony No 9

Monday 30th January
Charles, King and Martyr 1649
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 31st January
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 1st February
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd February
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 3rd February
Blasius, Bishop of Sebastopol & Martyr c316
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 5th February
Septuagesima
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Haydn Missa Brevis St Joannis de Deo
Mozart Ave verum corpus

Monday 6th February
The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II 1952
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 7th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 8th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 9th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 10th February
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 12th February
Sexagesima
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Whitlock in G
SS Wesley Wash me thoroughly

Monday 13th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 14th February
Valentine, Martyr at Rome c269
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 15th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 17th February
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 19th February
Quinquagesima
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Byrd Mass for five voices
Byrd Teach me, O Lord

Monday 20th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 21st February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 22nd February
Ash Wednesday
12.10pm Holy Communion
with imposition of ashes

Thursday 23rd February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 24th February
St Matthias the Apostle
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February
First Sunday of Lent
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Rector
Grayston Ives Missa Brevis
Allegri Miserere

Monday 27th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 28th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 29th February
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Midday Prayer

One of the noticeable changes in the pattern of public worship in the Church of England over the past fifty years has been the re-instatement of the Eucharist as the principal Sunday service in most churches. Before then Matins and Evensong had been the Sunday staple with Communion services often taking place only once a month. Nowadays, except in cathedrals, Oxbridge colleges and churches which have retained the tradition of saying the morning and evening offices in public, Matins and Evensong have almost become endangered species.

Cranmer's great offices were of course not original creations. His 'Matins' drew heavily on the time



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Wednesday 16 November, 7.30pm
St George's Church
Hanover Square, London W1S 1FX

Grieg Peer Gynt (*selection from Suite no. 1 and Suite no. 2*)
Sibelius Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47

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-honoured monastic offices of Matins, Lauds and Prime and 'Evensong' is a conflation of Vespers and Compline. Sadly the intervening 'little' offices of Terce, Sext and None, recited respectively at the third, sixth and ninth hours of the day, have all but disappeared.

So there is a real sense of renaissance about the decision to introduce Midday Prayer, Sext in all but name, at 12.10pm each weekday at St George's when there is no Eucharist at that time. The service is a short one lasting no more than ten minutes, comprising a hymn, a psalm, a short passage from scripture and concluding prayers.

It would be unrealistic to expect many to attend. However, in the middle of the day, there are almost always visitors in the church and it is hoped that they and others in the area taking an early lunch may, once word gets out, welcome the opportunity to pause in their busy lives for a moment of quiet reflection. And for those in the St George's family too far from W1 in the middle of a weekday, there will be the knowledge that in the middle of every day we will stop what we're busy with for just a few minutes and offer prayer to God, following a practice that is almost as ancient as the faith we profess and one that embraces many disparate Christian traditions.

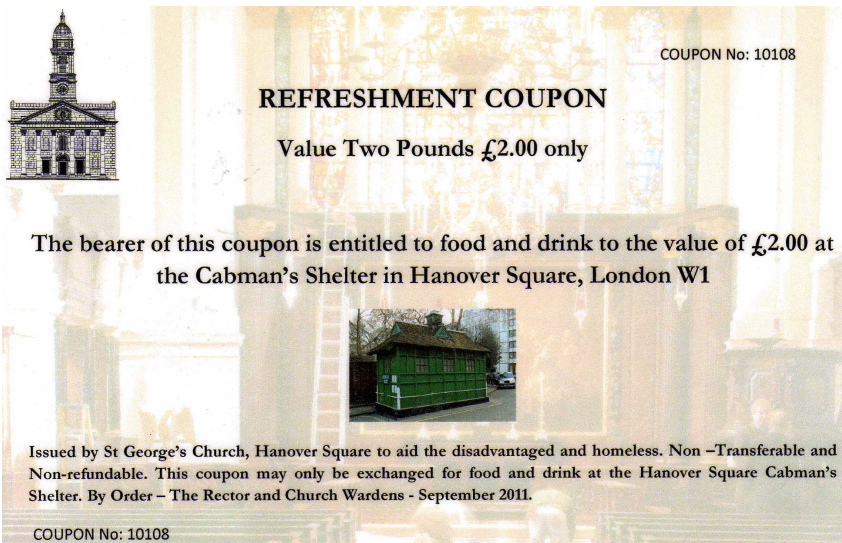
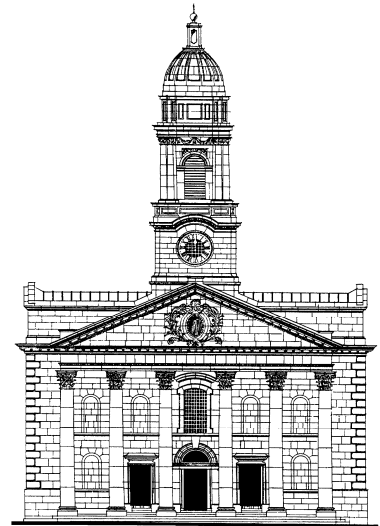
Support for local homeless

As many parishioners know, homeless people sleep on the portico of the church at night, and recently the number of rough sleepers has been increasing. St Mungo's, the homelessness charity visit during the small hours, trying to offer hostel accommodation, and providing some food and drink, but the practice still continues.

The Vestry has for many years given out small amounts of money (£1 or so at a time) to the various rough sleepers and other disadvantaged people, but this money is often spent on alcohol or drugs, rather than on food and drink. The Vestry has now started to issue "refreshment coupons" valued at £2 each, (facsimile below), which may be exchanged for food and drink at the Cabman's shelter in Hanover Square (pictured below).

The green painted Cabman's shelter at the north end of the square (although it is currently hidden behind the Cross Rail hoarding), offers tea and coffee for 40p and 50p respectively, and a range of good sandwiches and hot meals for £1.50. Their bacon baguette at £1.50 is exceptionally tasty!

The Hyde Park Place Estate Charity has agreed to fund the scheme for the first quarter, after which we will review and evaluate its effectiveness. At the time of writing, the scheme has only been running for two weeks, but we have already issued 43 coupons and the response so far has been positive. The lady who runs the Cabman's



shelter is co-operating with us on the scheme, (we provide her with funds in advance, and she accepts the coupons in lieu of payment) and thus far she is happy with the way it is working.

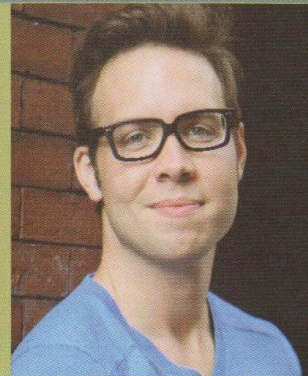
Any parishioners who wish to purchase refreshment coupons (£2.00 each) to give out themselves to local homeless and disadvantaged people on the street, (rather than giving out money directly) may do so; please see Seamus or Stephen in the Vestry.

**Michael Beckett,
Church Warden**



LONDON
HANDEL
FESTIVAL

Handel *Messiah*



Thursday 1 December
Time: 7pm
St George's, Hanover Square
St George Street
London, W1S 1FX

Sophie Junker *soprano*
Christopher Lowrey
counter-tenor
James Geer *tenor*
Samuel Evans *baritone*

Simon Williams *conductor*
London Handel Orchestra
Choir of St George's



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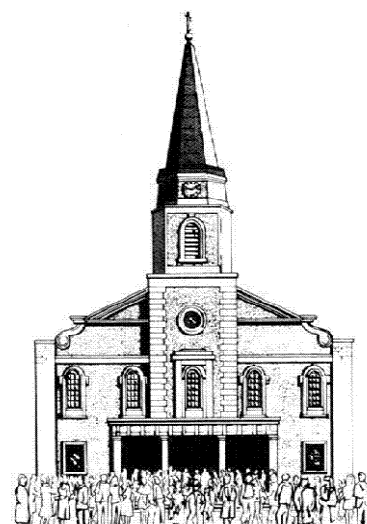
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Grosvenor Chapel Services November 2011-February 2012



Tuesday 1st November

All Saints' Day

7.00pm Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Andrea Gabrieli Missa Brevis

Peter Philips Gaudent in coelis

Stanley Voluntary in G

Thursday 3rd November

8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th November

Third Sunday before Advent

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Palestrina Missa aeterna Christi munera

Ramsey O sapientia

Bach Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist

Thursday 10th November

8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November

Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Fauré Requiem

Thursday 17th November

8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 20th November

**Third Sunday before Advent
Christ the King**

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Rheinberger Mass in E flat

Gibbons O clap your hands

Boellmann Toccata

Thursday 17th November

8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 27th November

The First Sunday of Advent

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Lassus Missa super amor ecco colei

Byrd Vigilante

Bach Nunn komm der Heiden

Heiland

Thursday 1st December

8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 4th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Guerrero Missa congratulamini mihi

Guerrero Canite tuba in Sion

Stanley Voluntary in A minor

Thursday 8th December

8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Howells Missa Collegium Regale

Gibbons This is the record of John

Gibbons Fantasia

Tuesday 13th December

Community Carol Service
6.00pm

Thursday 15th December

8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 18th December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Victoria Missa ave maris stella

Rachmaninov Ave Maria

Bach Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

**Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve**

11.00pm Carols for choir & congregation

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Shepherd Mass of the Nativity

Taverner a Christmas Proclamation

Philips O beatum et sacrosanctum diem

Bach In dulci jubilo

**Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day**

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Hobson St Mary's Mass

Pie Cantiones Gaudete!

Dubois Toccata

**Thursday 29th December
No 8.00am service**

Sunday 1st January

Second Sunday of Christmas

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Mass with hymns & organ music

Thursday 5th January

8.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 8th January
The Epiphany**

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Canon Rex Davis

Victoria Missa O magnum

Mysterium

Sheppard Reges Tharsis et insulae

Cornelius The Three Kings

Thursday 12th January
8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January
Second Sunday of Epiphany
11.00am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 19th January
8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd January
Third Sunday of Epiphany
11.00am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 26th January
8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 29nd January
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
11.00am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 2nd February
**Presentation of Christ
in the Temple**
8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th February
Third Sunday before Lent
11.00am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 9th February
8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th February
Second Sunday before Lent
11.00am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 16th February
8.00am Holy Communion

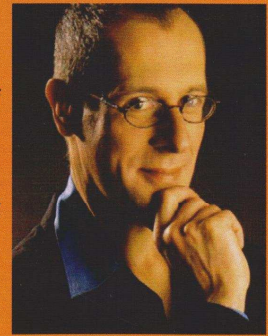
Sunday 19th February
Sunday next before Lent
11.00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 22nd February
Ash Wednesday
7.00pm Sung Eucharist

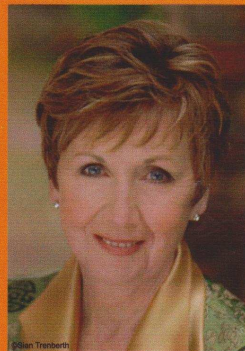
Thursday 23rd February
8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February
First Sunday of Lent
11.00am Sung Eucharist

I founded the London Song Festival in 2007 to promote the Song repertoire by means of an annual season of concerts and masterclasses. My aim is to follow in the footsteps of pianists Graham Johnson and Roger Vignoles (both Patrons of the Festival) in bringing this fantastic art-form with its unique blending of music and poetry to an ever-wider audience and I am delighted and honoured that so many wonderful singers will be performing this year, both international stars and exciting young talent. We hope that you will join us in celebrating English Song and we look forward to welcoming you at this year's Festival.



Nigel Foster (Director and Pianist)



The London Song Festival Masterclasses 2011

Master Class with Ann Murray DBE

1st November

2-5pm Junior class

6-9pm Senior class

The Church of St George, Hanover Square
London W1

All welcome – Admission free

Tickets on sale from 1st May

Online from www.quaytickets.com (link available on LSF website), or
by phone on 0843 208 0500

(9.30am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 8pm Saturdays,
Sundays and Bank Holidays).

Price £15 (£10 concessions). Subject to booking and postage fees.

Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH OF ST GEORGE

Tuesday 13th December

Grosvenor Chapel

6.00pm Community Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

St George's Church

6.00pm Carol Service

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Grosvenor Chapel

11.00pm Carols for choir & congregation

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

St George's Church & Grosvenor Chapel

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Sunday and Evening Parking Charges Update

CHURCHES IN WESTMINSTER SAY



SUNDAY PARKING CHARGES

DON'T DRIVE US OUT OF WESTMINSTER

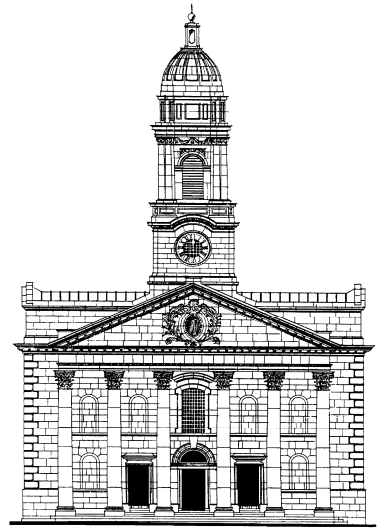
Sign up and add your voice to the campaign at facebook.com/StopWestminsterSundayParkingCharges

The last issue of the parish magazine was full of the proposals put forward by Westminster City Council to introduce Sunday parking charges, and charges from 6.30pm until midnight, Monday to Saturday. Westminster Council met on the 1st August, and voted to introduce these charges, despite the heavy weight of evidence against them from the local residents, churches, businesses, and workers in the area. The charges were due to commence on the 1st December 2011, but they have now been deferred to the 9th January, 2012.

A consortium comprising businesses (led by Richard Caring - he owns the Caprice group of restaurants, and many more), casinos, other restaurateurs and hoteliers, the Mayfair and St James's residents association, and the local churches, has been formed to challenge the council's decision in the courts. At the time of press, the papers for a Judicial Review in the High Court of the council's decision of the 1st August are being pre-

pared, and we hope to have a hearing sometime in December, 2011. An independent traffic consultancy has already produced a report, which was sent to Westminster Council on the 29th September, pointing out the various flaws in their evidence base for this decision, but they have chosen to ignore this and a legal challenge is now the only way forward. By the time of the next newsletter, we will know the outcome, but I'm sure the Evening Standard and other London media will cover the results before then. The economic, social and cultural damage that these charges will bring to the West End of London is immense, and the consortium is pledged to use all possible means to try and prevent their introduction.

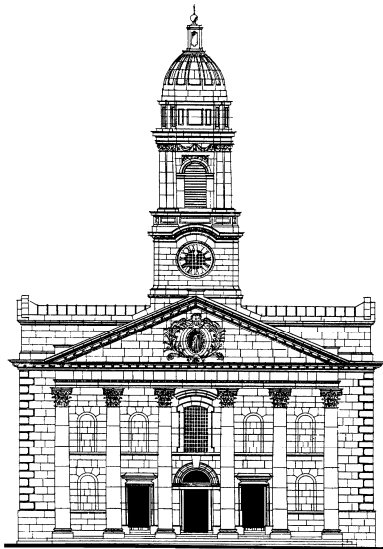
Michael Beckett,
Church Warden.



The swell box of St George's new organ at the Richards Fowkes' factory



All packed & ready to go. Electronic components of St George's organ awaiting shipment from Tennessee



St George's Short-listed for Architectural Award

The restoration works on St Georges have been shortlisted for the GEORGIAN GROUP 2011 ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS SPONSORED BY SAVILLS. From over eighty entries, St George's has been shortlisted in the Restoration of a Georgian Church Category. The winner will be announced by Viscount Linley at the awards ceremony at Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 on Monday 31 October 2011 from 6-8pm. A Winner's certificate will be presented to representatives of the winning scheme and a Commendation Certificate to representatives of other shortlisted projects. An exhibition of the winning and commended schemes will be on display during the reception and subsequently at the RIBA in Portland Place. We think (although we are no doubt biased!) that this is well deserved public recognition for the architect, and the whole team who worked on the project last year.

Michael Beckett,
Chairman Fabric Committee

Hyde Park Place Estate Charity

CIVIL TRUSTEES' GRANTS

At their meeting on Wednesday 14th September 2011, the Civil Trustees awarded grants totalling £34,250 to the following organisations:

London Early Years Foundation

FareShare

Listening Books

Crimestoppers

The Abbey Centre

St Mungo's

Vital Regeneration

Depaul UK

Blind in Business

The Mayor of London's Fund for Young Musicians

Friends of the Elderly

Back to Work

6th St Marylebone Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

St George's Hanover Square - Rough Sleepers Fund

St George's School

The next meeting of the Civil Trustees will be held on Wednesday 23rd November 2011, and applications will need to be received by 9th November in order to be considered. A further meeting will be held in February/March 2012.

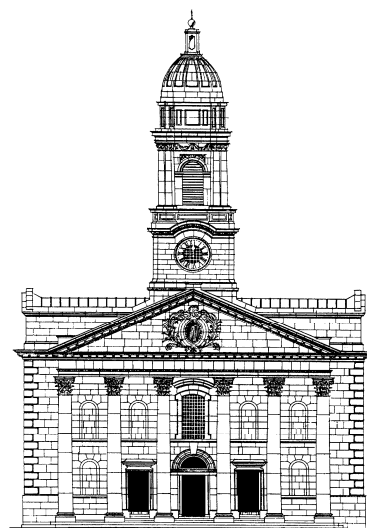
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The Campaign for St George's

Pledged Giving Factsheet

Gifts to the *Campaign for St George's* may be pledged over a period of four years or less and, provided the donor is a UK tax-payer who has signed a Gift Aid declaration form to the St George's Hanover Square Foundation, we can claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated.



The table below has been produced to:-

- Help you decide how much you can reasonably afford to give on a regular basis, either monthly, quarterly or annually;
- Show how much your gift means in total to the *Campaign for St George's*;
- Show what tax saving can be made by all higher-rate tax payers (paying 40% or 50%) through Gift Aiding your donation.

The figures shown below relate to a gift pledged over 4 years. The tax reclaimable by St George's under the Gift Aid scheme is at the basic tax rate, 20%.

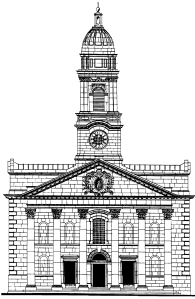
Donor's annual Gift (£)	Donor's quarterly Gift (£)	Donor's monthly Gift (£)	Total cash paid by donor (£)	Total value to St George's including Gift Aid (£)	Annual tax saving to higher-rate (40%) tax-payers (£)	Annual tax saving to higher-rate (50%) tax-payers (£)
10,000	2,500	833.33	40,000	50,000	2,500	3750.00
5,000	1,250	416.67	20,000	25,000	1,250	1,875.00
4,000	1,000	333.33	16,000	20,000	1,000	1,500.00
3,000	750	250.00	12,000	15,000	750	1125.00
2,000	500	166.67	8,000	10,000	500	750.00
1,000	250	83.33	4,000	5,000	250	375.00
500	125	41.67	2,000	2,500	125	187.50
200	50	16.67	800	1,000	50	75.00
100	25	8.33	400	500	25	37.50

Please note we cannot reclaim Gift Aid on a gift made from a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) account as the Gift Aid has already been reclaimed by CAF.

The basic rate of income tax (at present 20%) may change in future. Should this happen it may affect the amount we can claim through the Gift Aid scheme.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

To make a pledged commitment to the Campaign for St George's, please complete a Gift Card such as the one over leaf and return it to The Campaign Office, St George's Vestry, 2A Mill Street, London W1S 1FX. The Campaign Manager would be delighted to meet you if you would like to discuss any aspect of your gift before completing your Gift Card.



St George's Hanover Square Foundation

Registered Charity No: 1120505

Gift Card

I am/we are pleased to make a gift to support the Campaign for St George's Hanover Square.

Personal contact details

Title.....

First name(s).....

Address.....

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Post code.....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

Gift details

I/we will contribute a net total of £.....

Payable: as a single gift *or*

I/we intend to pay £.....

Monthly/quarterly/annually (delete as appropriate)

Other (please specify).....

Method of payment (please tick one)

Standing order (please complete form below)

Cheque (please make payable to St George's Hanover Square Foundation)

Gift Aid Declaration

Please treat this gift I make to St George's Hanover Square Foundation, any such gifts I have made over the past four years, and all such gifts I may make in future as Gift Aided donations.

I understand I must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax the Foundation reclaims on my gift(s) in any given tax year.

I understand I am under no obligation to make further donations and may cancel this declaration at any time.

Signature/s.....Date.....

Standing order mandate

To the Manager (of your bank).....

The sum of £..... On (date): / /

Bank address.....

and thereafter annually/quarterly/monthly on the same date of the month

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for.....years *or* until further notice.

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My bank sort code: - -

Please pay to:

My account no.....

Account name: St George's Hanover Square Foundation

My account name.....

Sort code: 16-01-19

Account no: 00630709

Signature.....Date.....