

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL



CHRISTMAS 2011

SERVICES AND CONCERTS
FROM 27 NOVEMBER

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



ONCE again, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, in our celebration of Christmas. You will find a list of services and concerts printed below. I hope very much that this information will reach you in time for you to include at least something here in your own Christmas plans.

The real significance of this special festival can sometimes of course be forgotten in the midst of a materialistic frenzy. Nevertheless, for many of us, the story of the birth of Jesus retains a certain power to remedy our selfishness. We think a little more than usual about those whose lives are less happy than our own. We surprise ourselves by actually wanting to be more generous and neighbourly. We experience perhaps a change of heart.

Through music and the spoken word, here at St George's we try to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, and thereby encourage such a change of heart. Please find time to join us. You will certainly find a warm welcome.

David Conner
Dean of Windsor

SERVICES AND CONCERTS

Sunday 27 November—Advent Sunday

5.15 pm **A Service of Music and Readings for Advent**
No tickets are required to attend this service. All welcome.

Thursday 8 December

7.30 pm **Bach's Christmas Oratorio** (Parts 1–3)
performed by St George's Chapel Choir and Charivari Agréable.
Conducted by Timothy Byram-Wigfield.

Thursday 15 December

7.30 pm **Festivo** - A feast of Christmas words and music for all the family performed by the Choir of St George's Chapel and Staines Brass. Conducted by Timothy Byram-Wigfield.

Tickets for 8 and 15 December are available from the concert Manager, Lt Col Stuart Watts: 01753 848 869, c.manager@stgeorges-windsor.org, Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ

Thursday 22 December

1.10 pm **Christmas Lunchtime Organ Recital**

The Chapel's organists present a popular and light-hearted selection of seasonal music. Admission free (please see below); retiring collection.

This recital is free to those already visiting Windsor Castle having gained entry either by Advantage card or by purchasing a ticket; if you wish to attend only the organ recital and not visit any other part of the Castle that day please arrive at King Henry VIII gate no later than 12.50 pm to allow sufficient time to be escorted to the Chapel.

5.15 pm **Choristers' Carol Service**

Come and sing carols with the Chapel's treble choristers. All welcome. Doors open at 4.45 pm.

A new CD of the St George's Choristers singing Christmas Carols is available for purchase in the Chapel shop (open during Chapel visitor hours normally Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm) or via www.stgeorges-windsor.org

Friday 23 December

Chapel open to visitors 10am to 1pm.

5.15 pm **Carols for Christmas: The Community Carol Service**

You are most welcome to join the queue on the day for unreserved unticketed seats. Doors open at 4.15 pm. Tickets are issued to the College of St George and Castle community.

Saturday 24 December—Christmas Eve

Chapel closed except for those attending services which include

5.15 pm **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

You are most welcome to join the queue on the day for unreserved unticketed seats. Doors open at 4.15 pm. Tickets are issued to the College of St George and Castle community.

11.15 pm **Midnight Sung Eucharist**

Haydn *Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo*
Eberling *All my heart this night rejoices*
Warlock *Bethlehem Down*

Preacher: The Reverend Canon John White LVO, Vice-Dean
Doors open at 10.45 pm. All welcome.

Sunday 25 December—Christmas Day

Chapel closed except for those attending services which are

8.30 am **Holy Communion.**

Said service. All welcome.

10.45 am **Sung Mattins for Christmas Day**

arr. Wood Up! good Christen folk and listen

Howells Te Deum (Collegium Regale)

Sweelinck Hodie Christus natus est

Preacher: The Right Reverend David Conner KCVO, Dean of Windsor

All welcome.

12 noon **Holy Communion**

Said service. All welcome.

3.30 pm **Evensong and Procession**

Stanford Magnificat in A

arr. Pearsall In dulci jubilo

arr. Ledger I saw three ships come sailing in

All welcome.

The Chapel Choir is then on holiday until Friday 6 January 2012.

However, services continue daily as detailed below.

Daily Services in St George's Chapel

We are always delighted to welcome members of the public to our services.

Sunday

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.45 am Sung Mattins

11.45 am Sung Eucharist

5.15 pm Evensong

Monday to Saturday

7.30 am Mattins

8.00 am Holy Communion

5.15 pm Evensong

(except Wednesdays and Choir holidays
when the Service is said)

On major Saints' Days there is a Sung Eucharist at 5.15 pm.

On Fridays there is an additional 12 noon Holy Communion Service.

Recorded Information Line: 01753 865 538

St George's Chapel website: www.stgeorges-windsor.org

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