

# ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL



CHRISTMAS 2017

SERVICES AND CONCERTS  
FROM 3 DECEMBER

# ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



I am pleased to invite you to join us at our Christmas services at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Details of the various events are listed below. I hope very much that they will reach you in good time for you to consider them as you plan your Christmas celebrations.

In today's climate, it is not always easy for us to be open about our faith. Perhaps we are frightened of being laughed at, or scared of being thought to be holier-than-thou and moralistic. There might be lots of other reasons for our silence too.

Nonetheless, conversations that I have with people from time to time suggest to me that most of us harbour a secret longing; a 'hope' that is at least something like belief in God. It is surprising how many of us, inwardly and privately, still say our prayers.

At Christmas time especially, our hope and longing are re-kindled. The Christmas story, telling of the God of love who reaches out to us through Jesus Christ, can be profoundly reassuring; can persuade us that we do not hope in vain.

We still do not speak very much about it. However, the Christmas message touches the hearts of so many people that, just for a while, there is a shared, if tacit, recognition of the mystery of love at work within this world.

Do join us as we celebrate that mystery.

DAVID CONNER

*Dean of Windsor*

## SERVICES AND CONCERTS

### **Sunday 3 December—Advent Sunday**

5.15 pm **A Service of Music and Readings for Advent**

No tickets are required to attend this service. All welcome.

### **Thursday 7 and Monday 11 December**

7.30 pm **Festivo - A Concert of Carols and Readings for Christmas**

performed by the Choir of St George's Chapel and a brass ensemble from The Band and Bugles of the Rifles, conducted by James Vivian.

These events are **Ticketed**. For ticket enquiries please contact Royal Windsor Information Centre on 01753 743597.

For any other enquiries regarding Festivo, please contact the Concert Manager, Mrs Francesca Alden, on 01753 848869 or [concert.manager@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:concert.manager@stgeorges-windsor.org)

### **Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December Festive weekend**

There will be a variety of activities in the State Apartments and St George's Chapel over this weekend; from carol singing to an advent vestment display and from decoration demonstrations to story-telling. Full details will be on the Chapel's website.

## Sunday 17 December

Chapel closed except for those attending services (all welcome) which are:

- 8.30 am **Holy Communion**
- 10.45 am **Mattins with hymns**
- 12 noon **Eucharist with hymns**
- 5.15 pm **Evening prayer with hymn**

## Monday 18 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 5.15 pm **Evening Prayer.** All welcome.

## Tuesday 19 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 5.15 pm **Evening Prayer.** All welcome.

## Wednesday 20 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 5.15 pm **Evening Prayer.** All welcome.

## Thursday 21 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks.* All welcome.

## Friday 22 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 12 noon **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks.* All welcome.

## Saturday 23 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 1 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 10.30am–12.30pm Prayers, readings and carol every 30 minutes.
- 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 4.30 pm. Tickets are issued to the College of St George and Castle community.

## Sunday 24 December—Christmas Eve

Chapel closed except for those attending services which are

- 8.30 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.
- 10.45 am **Sung Mattins** *sung by the Lay Clerks.* All welcome.
- 12 noon **Said Eucharist.** All welcome.
- 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**  
Doors open at 10.30 pm. All welcome.

\* These carol services are particularly popular and whilst as many people as possible will be brought into the Chapel, there can be no guarantee of space for all who might wish to attend.

## Monday 25 December—Christmas Day

Castle and Chapel closed except for those attending services which are

8.30 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.

Said service.

10.45 am **Sung Mattins for Christmas Day.** All welcome.

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

12 noon **Holy Communion.** All welcome.

Said service.

3.30 pm **Evensong.** All welcome.

The Chapel Choir is then on holiday until Saturday 6 January 2018 but daily services continue.

### Daily Services in St George's Chapel

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

Services on Sunday 31 December are:

8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Said Mattins

12 noon Said Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer

Usual services are as follows:

#### Sunday

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.45 am Sung Mattins\*

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

\* Sung by the Chapel Choir during term time.

The Chapel is normally open to visitors Monday to Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

The Chapel will close at 3.30 pm on 14 December and 1 pm on 23 December.

The Chapel is open for services only on 24, 25 and 26 December.

Recorded Information Line: 01753 865 538

St George's Chapel website: [www.stgeorges-windsor.org](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org)

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