

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL



CHRISTMAS 2015

SERVICES AND CONCERTS
FROM 14 NOVEMBER

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



I AM delighted to extend a warm invitation to you to join us at this year's Christmas services at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Details of the various events are listed below. I very much hope that they will reach you in good time for you to consider them as you plan your Christmas celebrations.

I often feel that we are living in a rather harsh world; a world in which we hear a good deal about holding one another to account, protecting our rights, and the need to be self-promoting and assertive if we are to 'get anywhere' in life.

At Christmas, we remember the birth of Jesus Christ who invited us to envisage another world. This 'other' world is one which he seemed to inhabit naturally. Though living in it requires real toughness, it is essentially a softer, gentler and kinder world. Instead of legalistic accountability, we find forgiveness, grace and mercy. Rather than concentration on the protection of our rights, we discover a call to care for one another. In place of self-promotion and assertiveness in human dealings, we see courtesy, respect and self-forgetfulness. That is the sort of world I think most of us would rather live in.

Come and help us mark the birth of someone who shows us the way to it. You will be warmly welcomed here.

David Conner
Dean of Windsor

SERVICES AND CONCERTS

Saturday 14 November

'Come and Sing' with John Rutter

This event is now sold out. For enquiries and returns, please contact the Concert Manager, Mrs Francesca Alden, on 01753 848869 or concert.manager@stgeorges-windsor.org

Sunday 29 November—Advent Sunday

5.15 pm A Service of Music and Readings for Advent

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

Tuesday 15 December

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

performed by the Choir of St George's Chapel and musicians from the Band of the Household Cavalry, conducted by James Vivian. For ticket enquiries please contact Royal Windsor Information Centre on 01753 743597. This event is now sold out.

For other enquiries regarding 14 November and 15 December, please contact the Concert Manager, Mrs Francesca Alden, on 01753 848869 or concert.manager@stgeorges-windsor.org

Sunday 20 December

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

- 8.30 am **Holy Communion**
10.45 am **Sung Mattins** *sung by the Lay Clerks*
12 noon **Sung Eucharist** *sung by the Lay Clerks and Cloister Voices*
5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Monday 21 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

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

Tuesday 22 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.

Wednesday 23 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 1 pm.

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** 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 4.30 pm. Tickets are issued to the College of St George and Castle community.

Thursday 24 December—Christmas Eve

Chapel closed except for those attending services which include

- 8 am **Holy Communion.** 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 4.30 pm. Tickets are issued to the College of St George and Castle community.
11.15 pm **Midnight Sung Eucharist**
Setting: Mozart Missa Brevis in D, K.194
Carols: Gardner Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
Anon. 16th century Gaudete Christus est natus; Gruber Silent night
Doors open at 10.45 pm. All welcome.

Friday 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 Wednesday 6 January 2016 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 27 December are:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Said Eucharist
5.15pm Evening Prayer

Usual services are as follows:

Sunday		Monday to Saturday	
8.30 am	Holy Communion	7.30 am	Mattins
10.45 am	Sung Mattins*	8.00 am	Holy Communion
12 noon	Sung Eucharist *	5.15 pm	Evensong *
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.

* 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 17 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

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