

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
2019

SERVICES AND CONCERTS
FROM 1 DECEMBER

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



I am pleased to invite you to join us at this year's Christmas services and concerts in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Details are listed below. I hope you will see them early enough for you to consider a visit to St George's as you make your Christmas arrangements. There is an old Noel Coward song called 'Someday I'll Find You'. If I remember rightly, it speaks of a rather romantic longing for human love. Its popularity can be explained by the fact that it awakens a kind of lonely-longing that is common to many of us.

Maybe however, we long for more than human love alone. Perhaps, in the depths of our hearts, we hunger and thirst for the assurance that we are loved with a love that will absolutely never let us go; what we might call 'the love of God'.

At Christmas, we mark the birth of Jesus Christ. To put it at its simplest, we celebrate the birth of one through whose life and death there seems to shine the promise that the enduring love of God is there for us if only, in faith, we will accept it.

Perhaps, through Jesus Christ, our 'someday I'll find you longing' is in a way reversed. It is not so much that we find God in him as that, through him, God finds us.

I very much hope that you are able to be with us as we celebrate this wonderful 'mystery'.

DAVID CONNER

Dean of Windsor

SERVICES AND CONCERTS

Sunday 1 December—Advent Sunday

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

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

Monday 9 and Thursday 12 December

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

performed by the Choir of St George's Chapel and Guards Brass*, 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

*Household Division Guard's Brass will be playing by permission of Major General BJ Bathurst, CBE, the Major General Commanding the Household Division.

Tuesday 17 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.

5.15 pm **Evening Prayer.** All welcome.

Wednesday 18 December

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 4 pm.

8 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.

5.15 pm **Evening Prayer.** All welcome.

Thursday 19 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 20 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 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.

Sunday 22 December

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 **Sung Eucharist** *sung by the Lay Clerks.* All welcome.

5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks.* All welcome.

Monday 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.

Tuesday 24 December—Christmas Eve

Chapel open to visitors 10 am to 1 pm

8.00 am **Holy Communion.** All welcome.

10.30am–12.30pm Prayers, reading 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.

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.

Wednesday 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 Monday 6 January 2020 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 29 December are:

8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Mattins *sung by a visiting choir.*

12 noon Said Eucharist

5.15pm Evensong *sung by a visiting choir.*

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 Friday 13 December and 1 pm on 23 & 24 December.

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

Recorded Information Line: 01753 865 538

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

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