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to St. Mark's International Church

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# ST MARK'S INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

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St Mark's Versailles is part of the Church of England Diocese in Europe and working in partnership with the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS)

*We welcome people of all denominations and nationalities. Our services are conducted in English*

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# Welcome to St.Mark's International Church

We are a diverse group of people with a variety of nationalities, seeking to know God better. We are passionate about sharing our faith with those around us. We believe that we have found an amazing truth and we want others to share in that discovery!

Our goal is not that you would grow really committed to St Mark's Church, but that you would grow in your love for God to the extent that he has your 100% commitment and love. (That may result in a deeper commitment to St Mark's too!) If we can help in this goal, please tell us.

Everyone is welcome at St Mark's, whether you come from a place of faith, many questions or no faith at all.

We also take seriously God's call to pray for the world, and especially the nation of France.

We invite you to get involved.

This brochure is designed to give you some basic information about the Church. There is more information on the website, but if you have any other questions, just ask!

If you are new to France or to the Versailles area please let us know if we can do anything to help you settle in. Many of us have experienced the difficulties and the joys of moving to a new country and we would be really happy to help in any way possible.



St Mark's is an International Anglican church which brings together people of many denominations and nationalities. The congregation consists of people from all walks of life. Some are here on a temporary basis whilst others are permanent. With many young families, ministry to children and teenagers is an important part of our church life.

For nearly two hundred years worship took place in a small chapel near the château in Versailles. In the mid 1970's it became apparent that the congregation was outgrowing the building and it was eventually sold. The house and garden at 31 rue du Pont Colbert in Versailles were purchased in 1986.

The most recent building phase, completed in 2011, includes a new worship area with seating for up to 250 people.

There is a more detailed booklet about the history of the church; available in the church entrance area.

St Mark's is entirely self-financing and the money for this building project was raised or given largely by the congregation and we praise God for his provision for our needs.

We want our facilities to be used for the glory of God and to seek His guidance as to the future development of our ministry in this place.

### *Our Vision*

*"The Chaplaincy of St. Mark's and St. Paul's exists so that individuals can grow in their knowledge of, and relationship with, Jesus Christ, learning to share His Life with the world.*

*We seek to be moulded, strengthened and equipped, through the power of God's Spirit such that God's love may flow through us and draw others to Jesus".*



9h00 Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer) - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month in the old chapel

10h30 Morning Service

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Morning Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	All-age Worship
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Informal Service

17h30 Services at our sister congregation, St.Paul's (see back of this booklet for details)

Coffee & tea are also served.

“Bring & share” lunches happen from time to time after the morning services.

We also have a bookstall.



Through teaching and relevant activities, our children learn about Jesus. They meet in the following groups every Sunday at 10h30 (except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday when all ages worship together).

## Crèche

There is a crèche “Little Lights” most Sundays at 10h30 for the up-to 3-year olds.

**Contact : Marge Pavageau**



Sparklers	children aged 3 to 4
Comets	children aged 5 to 6
X-Stream	children aged 7 to 10

**Contact : Sylvia Davidson**



SMY                      aged 11 to 18

There are additional activities for both teenage groups and opportunities to attend summer Christian camps such as Soul Survivor.

**Contact : Alan Kendall**



Many of our ministries and events are arranged as the need or possibility arises. If there is something you would like us to consider please speak to the Chaplain or Church Warden.

## **Alpha Courses**

You may have heard of the very successful Alpha courses being organised in many churches in Britain and other countries. Alpha is a course of basic Christianity with talks and discussion, it is suitable for enquirers into the Christian faith, those who want to deepen their understanding, new Christians or those who want a “refresher course” We have also held bi-lingual courses with the talks being interpreted and separate discussion groups in English and French.

## **Baptisms (infant & adult) and Confirmations**

Initial contact should be made with the Chaplain who will want to meet with you and discuss your application. These requests are taken seriously and each requires preparation, so plenty of warning should be given.

## **Bookstall**

Mike Hudson looks after the Bookstall (including children’s books) on display in the upstairs foyer of the church. He will also take orders for books. If you wish to receive Bible Reading notes he will order these on a regular basis for you.

## **Church Council**

Our church is governed by a Council which meets every 6 weeks. It is elected every year at our Annual Church Meeting. Minutes of each meeting are on the notice board at the back of the main hall & in the members’ area of the church website.

## Giving

We are entirely self-financing, including paying our chaplain and providing housing and a car. We receive no income from any other source than our congregation or past members who may still remember us!

The best way to support our ministry is to join our **Planned Giving Programme** this will help us plan our budget more easily and accurately. Please have a look at our financial leaflets “Planned Giving” and “Principles of Giving”. Please contact the church office. Please pray about the level of giving that God is asking of you.

## Holy Communion (The Lord’s Supper/ Eucharist)

You do not have to be an Anglican! We invite all who are Communicant baptised members of another denomination to receive the bread and the wine. Baptised children (from the age of 7) can take Holy Communion, once they have been sufficiently prepared. Please contact the Chaplain.

If you choose not to take communion, we invite everyone to come forward for a prayer of blessing if they would prefer.

## Homegroups

There are area group meetings in homes for Bible Study and discussion, prayer, fellowship and fun. The groups are the primary places of pastoral support and encouragement within our congregation and an opportunity for you to ask questions and debate those difficult areas of faith and apply them to your daily life. We invite all members of St Mark’s to join a group (even if you cannot be there every week). Homegroups are generally organised on an area basis, if you wish to join a group please speak to the office. At the present time we have:

Monday	20h00	North	Croissy
Monday	20h00	Versailles	St.Mark’s Church
Tuesday	9h15	South	St.Nom (ladies’ group)
Tuesday	20h00	SQY area	Voisins le Bretonneux
Wednesday	19h45	West area	Feucherolles
Wednesday	20h30	East area	Montreuil/Chaville
Thursday	20h30	Chevry area	Chevry, Gif-sur-Yvette

There is also a Friday daytime ladies’ group run at the church. Please contact the Church Office for details.



## Membership

### HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

Fill in a « Welcome Card » found in church and give to the chaplain or someone else on duty. You will then be included in our data base and address book. **If you wish to become a full, voting member at our AGM you will need to go on our electoral roll and complete a form for membership of the 1905 Association Cultuelle.** Forms are available from Mike Hudson.

## Mission Support

St Mark's takes seriously its commitment to mission overseas and at home. Giving at least 10% of our income, we support a number of individuals and organisations including:

Nabil and Sarah Shehadi, leading a church and developing Arabic Alpha in Beirut, Lebanon

Juifs pour Jesus

WEC France

Intercontinental Church Society

SEL, a Christian Relief and Development agency.

Open Doors, a mission serving persecuted Christians worldwide.

Nearer to home, we also work with other local churches to provide a weekly breakfast for the homeless in Versailles. This is hosted in the Foyer at St Mark's. All volunteers gratefully welcomed. See Philippe Galley.



Every church needs the commitment, involvement and support of its members if it is to function properly as the body of Christ. **We all have gifts we can use for His glory to serve Him and one another.**

When you have settled in and if you want to help in any way, please fill in the slip below and give it to a sides-person, warden, chaplain or the church administrator. Please be aware that you are not committing yourself to anything - it's not a lifelong sentence but we'll contact you to see how you'd like to help.

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

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**Home Telephone**.....

**Mobile**.....

**Email**.....

*I would like to help in the following ways : please tick the box or boxes*

- ❖ Sidespeople welcoming and preparing for worship
- ❖ Reader during worship
- ❖ Intercessor during worship
- ❖ Children's ministry teacher or helper
- ❖ Helper in the crèche
- ❖ Website maintenance
- ❖ Maintaining the site (grounds & building)
- ❖ Light maintenance tasks
- ❖ Coffee and tea making after our worship
- ❖ Catering for special events
- ❖ Playing a musical instrument or singing in our music group
- ❖ Operating the mixing desk and data projector
- ❖ Helping with publicity
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Other gifts (please specify)

# St Paul's Church, Chevry, Gif sur Yvette

Place du Marché Neuf

91 190 Gif-sur-Yvette

Worship at 5.30 pm every Sunday

St Paul's is part of the St Mark's chaplaincy; services are mostly taken by the Revd. Elaine Labourel. We have a traditional service every Sunday. During July and August more informal meetings are arranged and there is opportunity to share worship at St Mark's. All services are in English. We are a small congregation and thus very easy to get to know over tea at the end of every service.

1st Sunday	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	Evening Prayer
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	Holy Communion

Sunday school for maternelle and primary school age children is held THREE TIMES monthly - on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays (except for school holidays). Call Lori Lhermitte for details 01 60 12 54 39

Chaplain for St Paul's: Revd Elaine Labourel : 06 60 59 65 98

Deputy Warden: Christina Galley 01 34 52 28 85

HOMEGROUP – please contact Elaine Labourel on 06 60 59 65 98