

Christmas 2025

# Christmas Newsletter from St. George's College



## Dean's Christmas Message

Another Christmas is upon us and, at the College, we are allowing ourselves to be a little more optimistic than we have been for the past two Christmases. The beauty and power of the Christmas message is not that everything is made sweet and lovely by the birth of a baby into a loving family. The message which Gabriel brought to Mary was, 'Do not be afraid...you will bear a son and you will name him Jesus...he will be called Son of God'. It is nothing less than the promise of 'God with us', God as 'Immanuel'. This is what we cling to in the Land of the Holy One, at all times but especially in these days when the situation is still far from what it should be and that we long for it to be. We know that many people, the friends of the College, have been with us through these days of suffering and are with us now in prayer and Christian solidarity as an imperfect and incomplete ceasefire in Gaza potentially moves towards the establishment of peace with justice.

The improving direction of progress means that we are receiving bookings again for our study pilgrimages and all the staff of the College are excited about that. We are so enthusiastic about the prospect of welcoming pilgrims back to the beauty of St George's College and Cathedral grounds. We are keen to offer once again

the transformative experience of pilgrimage in Israel/Palestine which informs and revitalises faith in such a profound way. The schedules for 2026 and 2027 are published and can be seen [here....](#)

We always make sure that our pilgrimages enable encounter with Palestinian Christians, the Living Stones and with the wider community so that the realities of life in these lands can be truly seen. This aspect of our pilgrimages will be strengthened so that those who are in the forefront of the renewal of the College's ministry (meaning you) will return home far better informed about the realities here which have featured in news cycles but so often misses the ground-level realities.

The best thing that any friends, old and new, can do to support the vulnerable Christians of the Land of the Holy One is to 'Come over and help us' (as St Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia challenged him in Acts 16:9). Booking a study pilgrimage at St George's whether you come soon or further away would be such a great encouragement to us.







The Cathedral Close decorated for Christmas for the first time since 2022

## Upcoming Courses

All of our pilgrimages for 2026 and 2027 are open. Please decide which of these would suit you best and register as soon as you are able. Please see the list below. All booking can be made via the College website: [www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com](http://www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com).

### **2026**

February 10 - February 20, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus (into Lent)

February 26 - March 12, 2026: Palestine of Jesus

March 24 - April 7, 2026: Easter in Jerusalem, Western Easter

April 15 - April 24, 2026: Eastertide Course

April 28 - May 8, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus

May 13 - May 27, 2026: Palestine of Jesus

June 2 - June 12, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus

June 17 - July 1, 2026: Palestine of Jesus

July 6 - July 16, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus

July 20 - July 30, 2026: Jerusalem Ministry Formation

September 1 - September 15, 2026: Palestine of Jesus

September 15 - September 22, 2027: Introduction to the Bible Lands (Closed)

September 24 - October 8, 2026: Palestine of Jesus

October 12 - October 22, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus

October 27 - November 6, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus (Closed)

November 10 - November 20, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus

November 24 - December 4, 2026: Footsteps of Jesus (Into Advent)

## **2027**

January 5 - January 19, 2027: Jerusalem Ministry Formation

January 25 - February 4, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

February 22 - March 4, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

March 11 - March 17, 2027: Sharing Perspectives

March 20 - March 29, 2027: Easter in Jerusalem

April 2 - April 12, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

April 19 - April 29, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

May 4 - May 18, 2027: Acts in the Holy Land

May 25 - June 8, 2027: Palestine of Jesus

June 14 - June 24, 2027: Holy Lands and the Arts

June 28 - July 8, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

July 15 - July 26, 2027: Jerusalem Ministry Formation

September 1 - September 15, 2027: Palestine of Jesus

September 20 - October 4, 2027: Palestine of Jesus

October 8 - October 18, 2027: Women of the Bible

October 25 - November 4, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

November 8 - November 22, 2027: Palestine of Jesus

November 29 - December 9, 2027: Footsteps of Jesus

# St. George's College Asks For Your Continued Support

Never before has a crisis also presented the opportunity to ensure the College's thriving until the Lord returns. Friends of St. George's College from across the Anglican Communion are invited to participate in this holy and vitally important campaign to sustain our ministry of a Christian presence in the Holy Land and a Center for Pilgrimage, Education, Hospitality and Reconciliation.

Depending on where you live, **donations to our Regional Committees may have tax advantages.** For this to happen it is essential that your gift be made to the relevant Regional Committee.



**US donors** may make tax-deductible **on-line donations** by clicking [here](#) or by check to:

**North American Committee for St. George's College  
PMB163  
3737 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304**

**To make a gift of stock or mutual fund shares or support St. George's College in other ways, please contact Laura Simmons, Executive Director [execdirnac@gmail.com](mailto:execdirnac@gmail.com)**



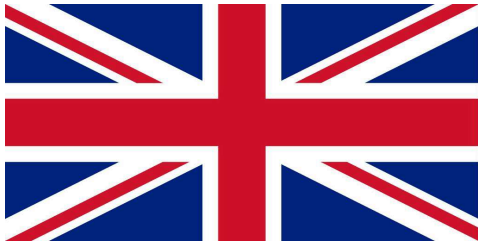
Friends in **Canada** may donate to the **St. George's College Jerusalem** fund through the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

Canadian donors are eligible to receive a tax receipt for the donation and online donations will be automatically issued to the donor.

**Online Payments**  
**To make an online tax-deductible donation via Anglican Diocese of Ottawa (ADO) from within Canada [CLICK HERE](#) .**

**Payments by Cheque\***

DONATE NOW



Donors in the **United Kingdom** may make a tax deductible donation through the **St. George's College Jerusalem Trust**. Gifts made in this way will also attract the additional benefit of the UK Gift Aid program. Please **download this printable form** and enclose it with your gift.

If paying by cheque, please send the payment along with the form, to the following address:

The Revd John Angle  
2 Orchard Court  
Claverham  
Bristol BS49 4TB

You may also make a direct deposit by internet banking with the following details, but please send a note to the Rev. John Angle ([johnangle@btinternet.com](mailto:johnangle@btinternet.com)) to advise of your payment and to claim the Gift Fund contribution:

Bank: National Westminster Bank  
Address: 1 Penn Road,  
Beaconsfield Bucks HP9 2PU  
Account Name: The St George's College Jerusalem

**Simply mail your cheque to the following address:**

\*For any cheques, please add to memo line: **St. George's College Jerusalem fund**.

Anglican Diocese of Ottawa  
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Ottawa, ON K1R 6G6

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Donors in **Australia and New Zealand** may make donations through the **Australia/New Zealand Regional Committee**. Gifts made via the A/NZ regional committee will assist with the promotion of the College in the Asia-Pacific area as well as providing funds for scholarships.

Cheques can be posted to:  
The Revd Dr Irwin Faris  
Treasurer, ANZ Regional Committee for St. George's College Jerusalem  
23 Cowrie Road  
Torquay, VIC 3228  
Australia

You may also make a direct deposit by internet banking with the following details, but please include your name so we know who has made the gift:  
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Address: 52 Church Street,  
Brighton, VIC 3186  
Account Name: St. George's College Regional Committee Account  
Number: 10156293

Trust  
Account Number: 01596616  
Sort Code: 600209

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Gifts from other countries may be made directly to the College by clicking [here](#).

However you chose to give, please know that your donations are appreciated.



## Other ways to support St. George's College

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Donors in the United States may receive tax benefits by donating their Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to the North American Committee of St. George's College. Consult with your tax advisor for tax guidance.

For information on making a planned gift please contact Dean Richard Sewell at [dean@sgcjerusalem.org](mailto:dean@sgcjerusalem.org) or in North America contact Laura Simmons, Executive Director of the North American Committee for St. George's College at [execdirnac@gmail.com](mailto:execdirnac@gmail.com).

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