

What's happening this week at St Michael & St George's Church and around the area?

Today Breakfast at 9.15 am and Bible Study at 9.45 - 10.45 am
11.00 - 12.30 **Parish Eucharist for 1st Sunday of Advent**

Monday The Felix Food Project is cancelled until 10th December.

Tuesday 19.00 - 21.00 -Bingo in the Church Hall (the last session will be on 11th December)

Looking ahead:-

Next Sunday 9th December - Breakfast at 9.15am and Bible Study at 9.45am
11.00 - 12.30 **Parish Eucharist** for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Thursday 13th December - 10.00 - 12.30 Coffee Morning - CAB speaker on Winter Fuel costs followed by 13.00 - 15.00 "Flicks" Film Club showing Nativity with Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent and Saoirse Ronan

Thursday 13th December 18.30 - Hope in White City - Community Advent Carol Service, Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday 16th December 11.00 - 12.30 am Christingle All Age Service

Thursday 20th December at 6pm, & Sunday 23rd December at 1pm Carol Singing round the estate.

25th December - 11am Christmas Morning Festival Eucharist - followed by Christmas lunch at Our Lady of Fatima - Bring and Share and celebrate together!

31st December - 11pm Watchnight Communion service for the New Year

New volunteers are always welcome for our rotas to read in church, lead the prayers or to be a steward.

Do you know anyone who needs a visit? Please speak to Fr Ben

Who to get in touch with at the Church? Our contact details

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Safeguarding Officer

Veronica Mariqueo

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Norma Lynch

Men's Fellowship

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Women's Fellowship/Mothers Union

Sherri Akilagun

Helen Purcell

Christian Aid

Ndu Amobi

Stephanie Agunpopo



Today's Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of
light, now in the time of this
mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus
Christ came to us in great
humility;
that on the last day, when he
shall come again in his
glorious majesty to judge
the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life
immortal;
through him who is alive
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **AMEN**



Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep
us faithful as we await the
coming of your Son our
Lord; that, when he shall
appear, he may not find us
sleeping in sin but active in
his service and joyful in his
praise; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **AMEN**



The White City Rainbow

2nd December 2018

Welcome to our Eucharist for
1st Sunday of Advent

Today's Bible readings - Also on our Facebook page

First Reading **The Book of Jeremiah**
Chapter 33 : 14 - 16
Page 572 at the front of the bible

Second Reading **The 1st Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**
Chapter 3 : 11- 9 - end
Page 158 at the back of the bible

Gospel Reading **Gospel according to St. Luke**
Chapter 21 : 25 - 36

The Coming of the Son of Man

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."



Exhortation to Watch

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



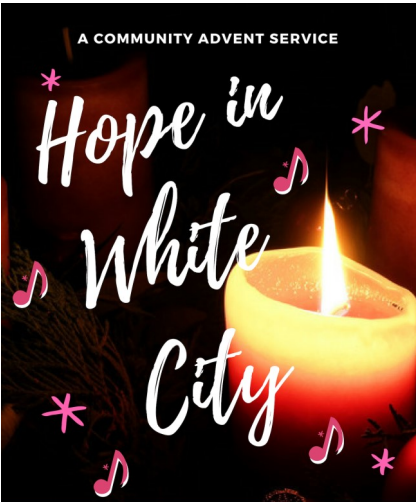
Welcome to our service today
We are the people of God in White City, and each one of
us is a child of our loving heavenly Father!

Please remember that other people
around you are praying



A COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE

Hope in White City



THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER - 6.30PM
OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

This is our Community Advent Service, celebrating signs of hope in our local community, as we prepare for our Christian festival of Christmas.

What are we waiting for in our neighbourhood, what are we watching and hoping will come in the future?

Community organisations, schools and the churches will share their Advent hopes.

6.30pm on 13th December at our Lady of Fatima, followed by refreshments.

Advent Bible Studies, Sundays
2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December.
At 9.45 a.m. - Breakfast at 9.15 a.m.

Our new website is nearly ready, please have a look and tell us what you think:-
<https://stmichaelswhitecity.org>



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White City Church of England - St Michael and St George, London

NOTICE



No mobile phones

What Is Advent?

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of time.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

For denominations that celebrate Advent, it marks the beginning of the church year.

In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is the last or fourth Sunday of Advent.

For Eastern Orthodox churches which use the Julian calendar, Advent begins earlier, on November 15, and lasts 40 days rather than four weeks. Advent is also known as the Nativity Fast in Orthodox Christianity.



Many thanks, the leaking water pipe in the kitchen has recently been fixed by one of our congregation



'We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.'

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ'.

1 letter to the Thessalonians ch. 1:v. 2-3

Caribbean Christmas party

At the Royal Festival Hall, Waterloo, central London. On Saturday 15th December, starting at 12 noon with traditional music, stories and performances from the Caribbean with poets and artists 3pm pump up the tempo – and the party Caribbean style. **Free!**



Advent Devotion

Oh Emmanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in our earthly lives. In the midst of all the rush, you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us. Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Emmanuel with us once again. Amen

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families
Women's Fellowship/Mothers Union meet 30.12.18 after the service.



Today's rota

Readings Veronica
Intercessions Steve
Stewarding Elizabeth/Latrell
Chalice Elizabeth & Mr. Johnson

Next Sunday's rota

Readings Helen
Intercessions Queen
Stewarding Veronica/Alfred
Chalice Vita & Sherri

Since 2008 we have been a Fair Trade church, serving Fair Trade communion wine, tea and coffee bought at a fair price from those who produce it.



Join us for coffee or tea after the service
St Michael and St George
ten years as a Fair Trade Church



United in the sacraments, word and prayer



For our 'at home' friends unable to attend church at the moment;

Comfort Dwomoah, Vita Williams, Mr Johnson, Fedora Stafford, Alice Harris, Bessie Peters, Fred Sackey, Alexandrina Matthews, Denis Noel, Connie Warren.

For those who have recently been in hospital:

Linda Strong, Paul Arman, Alexandre Palhares, Fr. Gray Featherstone, Stevenson Phillips, Christine Carey, Mr Boyce (Junior), Denzil Brown,



Blessed are those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Rev. Gill Toogood, Boyce Alexander Chatterton (late of Evans House)

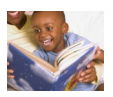
Anniversary:

Please let the Fr Ben know if you would like someone included in our prayer list.



The Christian Healing Mission in Hammersmith has drop-ins for prayer every Tuesday from 11-12.30 and Thursday 14.15 -15.45.
www.healingmission.org

Next Sunday's readings



2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3 : 1 - 4
Philippians 1 : 3 - 11
Luke 3 : 1 - 1