

## 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 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Monday The Felix Food Project is cancelled until 17th December & 21st December

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

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

**Looking ahead:-**

Next Sunday 16th December - Breakfast at 9.15am and Bible Study at 9.45am  
11.00 - 12.30 Christingle All Age Service

Tuesday 18th December—12.30pm White City elders Christmas lunch and party

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

Sunday 23rd December 11.00 - 12.30 am **Parish Eucharist** for the 4th Sunday of Advent

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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#### Church Secretary

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#### Church Musician

Michael Rossi



#### Sunday School

Alison McQueen  
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Veronica Mariqueo

#### Children's Champion

Norma Lynch

#### Men's Fellowship

Boshi Mohlala:

#### Women's Fellowship/Mothers Union

Sherri Akilagun  
Helen Purcell

#### Christian Aid

Ndu Amobi  
Stephanie Agunpopo



### Today's Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray,  
your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might suc-  
cour us;  
that whereas, through our  
sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is  
set before us,  
your bountiful grace and  
mercy  
may speedily help and  
deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your  
Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now  
and for ever. **AMEN**



### Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent  
your Son to redeem the  
world and will send him  
again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate  
him in the humility and  
purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet  
him with joyful love and  
firm faith; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



## The White City Rainbow

9th December 2018

Welcome to our Eucharist for  
the 2nd Sunday of Advent

We welcome Steve Purcell, our Church Treasurer, to give  
the address this morning.

### Today's Bible readings - Also on our Facebook page

First Reading **The Book of Malachi**  
Chapter 3 : 1 - 4  
Page 692 at the front of the bible

Second Reading **The 1st Letter of Paul to the Philippians**  
Chapter 1 : 3 - 11  
Page 152 at the back of the bible

Gospel Reading **Gospel according to St. Luke**  
Chapter 3 : 1 - 6

### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

<sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall  
be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made  
straight,  
and the rough ways made  
smooth;  
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation  
of God."




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 this Thursday at  
Our Lady of Fatima,  
followed by refreshments.

**Advent Bible Studies. Sundays**  
9th, 16th and 23rd  
December.

Start at 9.45 a.m.

Breakfast at 9.15 am.

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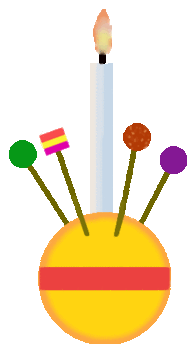
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## Christingle

Next Sunday is our Service -  
Please tell your friends and  
neighbours with any children  
and encourage them to attend  
the service.

### Carol Singing

Around the estate -  
6pm Thursday 20th December  
& 1pm Sunday 23rd December



**News from St Stephen's** - it was announced last week that Fr Bob Mayo will be leaving Shepherd's Bush in February to begin a new ministry as a prison chaplain in Rochester. We pray for him and Sylvie and wish them well as Bob moves into this new ministry.

Fr Bob will be with us on Sunday, 13th January and we plan to have a bring and share lunch in his honour. We will also have a collection to buy him a farewell gift.

### The Second Sunday of Advent—reflection

As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest.

And it is today, in the present, that our Christian character and everyday behaviour matter if we are to find eternal life. Christ is the measure God has given humanity.

Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.

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

## 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!**



### A Prayer for hope this Advent

Creator and redeemer God,  
We light our Advent candles for hope,  
sending prayers high into the inky heavens  
and dreams deep into the human soul.

As Advent dawns, God of all hope, shine  
your light on the story of the saints who  
journeyed before us. May the seeds they  
planted in the world – peace, joy, love –  
take hold in our hearts and stretch towards  
the light.

Like the wise called to journey in those  
early dawning days, may we  
seek, strive, search for peace.  
Like the prophets old and  
new, may we cry out for its  
coming. Amen



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, Collin Brown, Faisal  
Plummer (late of Carteret House), Esmine  
Shaw (late of DuCane  
Road)

### Anniversary:

Ellen Buckingham,  
Leston Greene,  
John Miller



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  
[www.healingmission.org](http://www.healingmission.org)

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Women's Fellowship/Mothers Union  
meet 30.12.18 after the service.



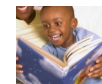
### Today's rota

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

### Next Sunday's rota

Readings	Sherri
Intercessions	Helen
Stewarding	Ndu Snr & Jnr
Chalice	Eunice & Marion

**Next Sunday's readings**



**3rd Sunday of Advent**

All Age Christingle Service  
Luke 3 : 7 - 18

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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