

## 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 restarts tomorrow 17th December & 21st December

Tuesday The Bingo has closed until February 12th

Tuesday 12.30pm White City Elders Christmas lunch and party

Thursday 6.00pm, & Sunday 23rd at 1pm Carol Singing round the estate

### Looking ahead:-

Next Sunday 23rd - Breakfast at 9.15am and Bible Study at 9.45am  
11.00 - 12.30 - **Parish Eucharist**  
for the 4th Sunday of Advent

23rd 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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### Deputy Churchwarden

Eunice Greene:  
Veronica Mariqueo:

### Church Secretary

Helen Purcell: hpurcell78@yahoo.co.uk

### Church Musician

Michael Rossi



### Sunday School

Alison McQueen  
**Safeguarding Officer**  
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 Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming  
sent your messenger to  
prepare your way before  
you:

grant that the ministers and  
stewards of your  
Mysteries may likewise so  
prepare and make ready  
your way by turning the  
hearts of the disobedient to  
the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming  
to judge the world we may  
be found an acceptable people  
in your sight;

for you are alive and reign  
with the Father in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **AMEN**



### Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord,  
for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your  
Spirit  
that when your Christ comes  
again  
we may shine as lights  
before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now  
and for ever. **AMEN**



## The White City Rainbow

16th December 2018

Welcome to our Eucharist for  
Christingle - All Age Worship

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

Gospel Reading **Gospel according to St. Luke**  
Chapter 3 : 7 - 18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him,  
"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath  
to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say  
to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell  
you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to  
Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;  
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down  
and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply  
he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with  
anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."  
Even tax collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him,  
"Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no  
more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked  
him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not  
extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be  
satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were  
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might  
be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise  
you with water; but one who is  
more powerful than I is coming; I  
am not worthy to untie the thong  
of his sandals. He will baptise  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
His winnowing fork is in his  
hand, to clear his threshing floor  
and to gather the wheat into his  
granary; but the chaff he will  
burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations,  
he proclaimed the good news to  
the people.



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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



## New Year's resolutions

**Do you fancy getting fit in 2019?**  
**Alison and Fr Ben are starting a jogging run on Saturday mornings in Wormholt park - for one or two laps round the park - meet at 11am in the park.**  
**The first run will be on Saturday 12th January 2019.**



## Christmas Day Lunch

Would you like to attend the Christmas Day lunch with members of our church and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church?

Please add your names to the list at the back of church, and say if you are able to bring some food to share.



Fr Bob will be with us on Sunday, 13th January before he begins a new ministry as a prison chaplain in Rochester. We will give him a bring and share lunch in his honour. We will also have a collection to buy him a farewell gift. There is a farewell card for you to sign, please give donations to Sherri our Churchwarden or Steve our treasurer.



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## NOTICE



**No mobile phones**

## Carol Singing

Around the estate -  
 6pm Thursday, 20th December departing from Our Lady of Fatima.  
 & 1pm Sunday 23rd December departing from St Michael and St George.



## This week—The 'O' Antiphons

The Christian Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since the eighth century from December 17-23. They use ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

**December 17** O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

**December 18** O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

**December 19** O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

**December 20** O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

**December 21** O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**December 22** O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

**December 23** O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

## Advent Bible Studies, Next Sunday

23rd December. At 9.45 a.m. - Breakfast at 9.15 am.



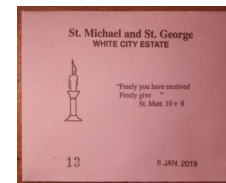
'We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

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

## 2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please collect your new set of envelopes from Steve. If you would like to join the scheme, just ask. Please think and pray about how much you can give each week to St Michael's in 2019.



## A prayer on the winter solstice (21st December)

O Dawn of the East, brightness of light eternal, and Sun of Justice; Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Loving God,  
 It is growing in my heart: An awareness and gratitude of your constant love for me;  
 Like the sun rising in the East to warm and comfort my life and to bring new growth.

Thank you for these weeks of prayer.  
 In the spirit of the season my waiting, my patience, feels sacred.

Bless my heart with generosity and make me ready to receive you.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!



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



## Today's rota

Readings	Sherri
Intercessions	Helen
Stewarding	Ndu Snr & Jnr
Chalice	Eunice

## Next Sunday's rota

Readings	Stephanie
Intercessions	Veronica
Stewarding	David & Latrell
Chalice	Steve & Helen

## Next Sunday's readings



## 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5 : 2 - 5a  
 Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10  
 Luke 1 : 39 - 45

## 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, Alexandre Palhares, Christine Carey, Denzil Brown,



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

Rev. Gill Toogood, Colin Brown, Faisal Plummer (late of Carteret House), Esmine Shaw (late of DuCane Road)

## Anniversary:

Ellen Buckingham, Elizabeth Cottol, Winfield Braithwaite, Tom McCabe



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

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