

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

Today

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

This week

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

Tuesday Bingo - will restart on 12th February

Looking ahead:-

Next Sunday 6th January - 11.00 - 12.30 - **Parish Eucharist** for the Feast of the Epiphany

10th January Thursday Coffee morning and Film Club

18th—25th January, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, daily prayers with Our Lady of Fatima at 10am

Friday 25th January Ceilidh Scottish folk dance evening, on Burns Night and at the end of the Unity week. Any offers of help to Michael our musician please—more details coming soon.



Would you like to join 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

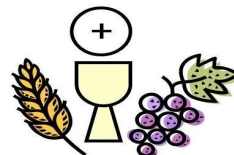
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Today's Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The White City Rainbow

30th December 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas

Today's Bible readings - Also on our Facebook page

First Reading **The First Book of Samuel**
Chapter 2 : 18 –20, 26
Page 191 at the front of the bible

Second Reading **The Letter to the Colossians**
Chapter 3 : 12 - 17
Page 156 at the back of the bible

Gospel Reading **Gospel according to St. Luke**
Chapter 2 : 41 - end

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.



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



"Ring Out, Wild Bells"

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.



This is a poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Published in 1850, the year that he became Poet Laureate.

the 'wild bells' mentioned were the bells of Waltham Abbey Church in Essex., pictured. Tennyson was staying nearby and heard the bells being rung on New Year's Eve.

It is an English custom to ring church bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new year over midnight on New Year's Eve. Sometimes the bells are rung half-muffled for the death of the old year, then the muffles are removed to ring without muffling to mark the birth of the new year.

A prayer for the New Year

Grant me the strength from day to day
To bear what burdens come my way.
Grant me throughout this bright New Year
More to endure and less to fear.
Help me live that I may be
From spite and petty malice free.

Let me not bitterly complain
When cherished hopes of mine prove vain,
Or spoil with deeds of hate and rage
Some fair tomorrow's spotless page.
Lord, as the days shall come and go
In courage let me stronger grow.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today
Help me to put my faults away.
Let me be big in little things;
Grant me the joy which friendship brings.
Keep me from selfishness and spite;
Let me be wise in what is right.

A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye.
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

Fr Bob's last Service with us will be on 13th January, please sign the card. We are collecting to buy him a gift, please give any donations to Steve or Sherri. We will have a bring and share lunch on 13th. Jan.



Today's rota

Readings Steve
Intercessions Fr Ben
Stewarding Alfred & David
Chalice --

Next Sunday's rota

Readings Rebecca
Intercessions Queen
Stewarding Ndu Snr, Ndu Jnr
Chalice

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, Stevenson Phillips,
Christine Carey,
Denzil Brown.



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

Paulina McLeod, Ashley Barnes (late of Mitchell House), Revd. Gill Toogood, Colin Brown, Faisal Plummer, Esmine Shaw.

Anniversary:

Please let the Fr Ben know if you would like someone to be remembered 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



The Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 60 : 1-6
Ephesians 3 : 1 - 12
Matthew 2 : 1-12



Fr Ben would like to thank you all for the very kind Christmas gifts, wishes and cards he has recently received!



New Year's resolutions

Do you fancy getting fit in 2019? Jog with Alison and Fr Ben on Saturday mornings in Wormholt park—for one or two laps—meet at 11am in the park. Saturday 12th January 2019.



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