

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

Today 11.00 - 12.30 **Parish Eucharist for 1st Sunday of Advent, followed by the Advent Bible study**

Monday 11.00 - 13.00 **Felix Food Project at Our Lady of Fatima.** Collect a food parcel if you are in need, or help a neighbour. Everyone welcome.

Looking ahead:-

Next Sunday 8th December - Parish Eucharist for the 2nd Sunday of Advent followed by the bible study

Tuesday 10th December—make an Advent wreath

At the Invention rooms on Wood Lane 3.30pm and 5pm

Friday 13th December - 12 noon—Community Christmas

Pie 'n' mash lunch for the over 60's

18.00 'Hope in White City' Community Advent Celebration, Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th December—Mothers' Union Choir Christmas lunch

Sunday 22nd December Christingle Service

Sunday 22nd December at 4pm, Carol Singing

Monday 23rd December at 6pm Carol Singing round the estate

Christmas day lunch—join the party at 12.30pm, Our Lady of Fatima Community Centre—fun and food together

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

This week's Bible Quiz

Children in the Bible—more Children (3)

1.) Whose daughter died while Jesus was on the way to his house to heal her?

Jairus
Jamtha
Jonas
Jacob

2.) What young virgin kept the aged King David warm?

Tamar
Abishag
Michal
Deborah

3.) This daughter of Leah was raped by Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite.

Dinah
Rachel
Bilhah
Deborah

4.) He was David's first son who later in life raped his half-sister Tamar. For this deed he was murdered by her brother.

Adonijah
Absalom
Amnon
Jezreel

5.) This king was seven years old when he began to reign:

Manasseh
Jehoash
Josiah
Hezekiah

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www.stmichaelswhitecity.org

Please give us your feedback

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



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**

The response in today's intercessions is :

Leader: Lord come down

All: Come in among us

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

1st December 2019
Welcome to our Eucharist for 1st Sunday of Advent

Today's Bible readings -

The Book of the prophet Isaiah
Chapter 2 verses 1—5

Page 489 at the front of the bible

The Letter of Paul to the Romans
Chapter 13 verses 11—end

Page 124 at the back of the bible

Today's Gospel reading

The Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 24 verses 36 - 44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

Jesus said 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



Advent Bible Studies

We begin today after the service — four weeks during Advent, and looking at the Sunday readings and the themes of Matthew's Gospel to help us understand more. All welcome.

The Mothers Union Choir Annual Advent Dinner.

on Saturday 14 December at 2.00pm at Munchiez Restaurant, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre. Cost approximately £10 per head, numbers needed by 6th December.



Community Christmas Lunch for the over 60's Friday 13th December at 12 noon

At Our Lady of Fatima centre— Christmas entertainment, games, a visit from Father Christmas and a traditional Pie 'n' mash lunch and seasonal refreshments.

Hope in White City—Advent Community Celebration Friday 13th December at 6.30pm

At Our Lady of Fatima church, hear the inspiring stories of change and hope from the schools and community groups in this neighbourhood, together with Advent singing and readings.

Carol Singing round the estate:
Sunday 22nd December at 4 pm
Monday 23rd December at 6pm
Christmas Day Lunch with Our Lady of Fatima at 12.30pm



Would you like to make an Advent wreath?
Come to the Invention Rooms on Wood Lane (Imperial College)
On Tuesday 10th December from 3.30pm—4.30pm and from 5pm to 6pm
Free, and all materials provided.



Many thanks to Michael and Natacha for organising yesterday's Ceilidh for St Andrew's day—it was energetic and good fun enjoyed by all ages from young to old!



Our Christmas Appeal

This year we will support Glass Door, the west London churches homelessness project. Giving shelter and support because nobody should have to sleep on the streets of London. Their target is £60,000 this year. Our Christmas collections and the gift envelopes will be for this work organised by the



<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/>

Sign up to #FollowTheStar Christmas journey and receive reflections each day from Christmas Day to Epiphany (5 January) to your inbox. <https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>

A prayer on World Aids day

Gracious God, help us to recognise we

are all made in your image, to challenge and resist the exclusion and stigma of those living with HIV/Aids, in Jesus name, Amen

Give thanks for the awareness-raising work of World Aids Day and pray it continues to unite people worldwide in the fight against HIV, help show support for people living with HIV, and meaningfully commemorates those who have died from an Aids-related illness.

Christian Aid works with the Wildlife Society of Malawi to manage sustainable fisheries on Lake Malawi, this helps families affected by HIV to get a regular income through fishing, by keeping bees and selling honey, growing new drought-resistant crops so that parents don't need to worry about finding the food to feed their families from day to day.



Today's rota

Readings Stephanie
Intercessions Nony/Queen
Stewards Ndu snr & Ndu jnr
Chalice Elizabeth and Debbie

Today's Hymns

Troait: 438
Psalm 900
Gradual: 541
Offertory: 705
Communion 1: choir
Communion 2: 205
Recessional: 503

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.



Next Sunday's readings

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah chapter 11 verses 1—10
The letter of Paul to the Romans Chapter 15 verses 4—13
The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 3 verses 1—12

Next Sunday's rota

Readings Pat
Intercessions
Stewards David & Neil
Chalice Veronica & Eunice

Join us for coffee or tea after the service



St Michael and St George ten years as a Fair Trade Church

United in the Word, sacraments and prayer



For those in any kind of need at the moment;

Christine Carey, Eulene DeBoulet, Alexandrina Matthews, Esther Olurenfemi, Fedora Stafford, Alfred Boateng, Fred Sackey. Gloria Balliston, Margaret Parnell., Olumide Adeeko



For those who have been in hospital: Mr Johnson Akinfolarim,

Those recently Confirmed Elizabeth Amoah, Andre Hutchinson, Neil Wallace.

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



Anniversary: our names are written in heaven. Alexandre Palhares, Roddie Butler.

Please let Fr Ben know if you would like someone to be remembered in our prayer list.

The Christian Healing Mission in Hammer-smith has drop-ins for prayer every Tuesday