

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

Today 11.00 - 12.30 **Parish Eucharist for 2nd 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.

Tuesday 10th December—make an Advent wreath
At the Invention rooms on Wood Lane 3.30pm and 5pm

Friday 13th December - 12.30pm—Community Christmas Pie 'n' mash lunch for the over 60's
18.30 'Hope in White City' Community Advent Celebration, Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th December—Mothers' Union Choir Christmas lunch—names to Elizabeth please.

Looking ahead:-

Next Sunday 15th December - Parish Eucharist for the 3rd Sunday of Advent followed by the bible study

Sunday 22nd December I am Our 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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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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.) How many children did Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue have?

One son and a daughter
Four daughters
One son
One daughter

2.) What did the young Shunammite child do when Elisha brought him back to life?

He coughed seven times.
He sneezed seven times.
He jumped up and down seven times.
He blinked seven times.

3.) This child was dropped by his nurse, and was crippled for life

Balaam
Adonibezek
Evil-Merodach
Mephibosheth

4.) A woman from Canaan asked Jesus to heal her daughter, because she...

was vexed with a devil.
was lame and couldn't walk.
had leprosy.
had died.

5.) Which king threatened to cut a child in half?

Hezekiah
Saul
Solomon
David

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www.stmichaelswhitecity.org

Please give us your feedback

Do you know anyone who needs a visit? Please tell Fr Ben or Fr Andy



Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour 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

The response in today's intercessions is :

Leader: O Lord, raise up, we pray your power

All: And come among us

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

8th December 2019
Welcome to our Eucharist for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Today's Bible readings

The Book of the prophet Isaiah
chapter 11 verses 1—10

Page 496 at the front of the bible

The Letter of Paul to the Romans
Chapter 15 verses 4—13

Page 125 at the back of the bible

Today's Gospel reading
The Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 3 verses 1—12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

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

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'



Advent Bible Studies

We continue our Bible studies after the service for about an hour each week during Advent. We look 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, give your names to Elizabeth today please.



Community Christmas Lunch for the over 60's Friday 13th December at 12.30pm

At Our Lady of Fatima centre— Christmas entertainment, games, a visit from Father Christmas and a traditional Pie 'n' mash lunch and seasonal refreshments—give your names to Fr Andy today please.

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. With seasonal refreshments afterwards.



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.

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 for this week as people vote in the British General Election

God of grace and truth, send your Spirit to guide us as we discover your will for our country. Help us to discuss the issues before us with courtesy, truth and mutual respect, and grant that all who stand for parliament will seek to serve the common good, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Today's Hymns

Introit:	218
Psalm	903
Gradual:	541
Offertory:	316
Communion 1:	choir
Communion 2:	283
Recessional:	346

Today's rota

Readings	Pat
Intercessions	Natascha
Stewards	David and Neil
Chalice	Bryan and Eunice

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, Clare, Deeva.



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, Ellen Buckingham, Leston Greene, Henry Smith



Please let 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.

Next Sunday's readings

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah chapter 35 verses 1—10

The letter of James Chapter 5 verses 7—10

The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 11 verses 2—11

Next Sunday's rota

Readings	Queen/Nony
Intercessions	Pat
Stewards	Nia & Chinyenywa
Chalice	David & Debbie

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