

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

Today 11.00 - 12.30 **Parish Eucharist for 3rd Sunday of Advent, followed by the Advent Bible study, the Prayer Group and Standing committee will meet**

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.

Saturday 21st December—Church cleaning and decorating morning—help needed from 9am—12.30pm please.

Looking ahead:-

Sunday 22nd December 11am Our Christingle Service
Sunday 22nd December at 4pm, Carol Singing

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



Christmas Day

11am All-Age Eucharist with carols

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

Who Did It?

1.) Who married his half-sister?

Lot
Nahor
Terah
Abraham

2.) Who dreamed that the sun and the moon and 11 stars bowed down to him?

Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph

3.) To whom did God give the covenant of circumcision?

Adam
Noah
Moses
Abraham

4.) Who led the Israelites into Canaan?

Moses
Caleb
Jephunneh
Joshua

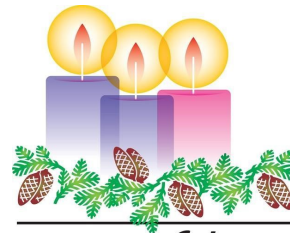
5.) Who wrongly thought that Abraham's and Isaac's wives were their sisters?

Abimelech
Ishmael
Ben-Ammi
Mamre

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Please give us your feedback

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

The response in today's intercessions is :

Leader: You come to rescue us

All: Come Lord our Saviour

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

15th December 2019
Welcome to our Eucharist for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today's Bible readings .

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

Page 513-4 at the front of the bible

The Letter of James

Chapter 5 verses 2—11

Page 181 at the back of the bible

Today's Gospel reading

The Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 11 verses 2—11

Messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Prayer of Blessing for our Lay Communion Assistants

Gracious Lord, you nourish us with the Body and Blood of your Son, that we might have eternal life.

Bless our brothers and sisters who have been chosen to give the cup of salvation to your faithful people. May the holy mysteries they distribute lead them to the joys of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Next Sunday Christingle Service

Invite your friends, families, neighbours and especially children at 11am



A prayer for this week following the General Election

God of all nations, Creator of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in the United Kingdom. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us in Parliament.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.



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:

Blessed are those who have died in the faith of Christ: Mr Johnson Akinfolarim, Laurence Kehoe.

Anniversary: our names are written in heaven.

Alexandre Palhares, Elizabeth Cottol, Tom McCabe

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 from 11-12.30 and Thursday 14.15 - 15.45.



Church Cleaning and Decorating

Next Saturday 9am—12.30pm

Please come and lend a hand to prepare our church for the festival of Christmas—drop in when you can, thanks



Advent Bible Studies



We continue our Bible studies after the service today for about an hour, together with the Prayer Group. We look at the Sunday readings and the themes of Matthew's Gospel to help us understand more. All welcome.

Carol Singing round the estate:

Sunday 22nd December at 4 pm
Monday 23rd December at 6pm



Flowers for Christmas

Please can you donate towards the cost of flowers in church? To Eunice Greene



Christmas Day All Age Eucharist at 11am



Lunch with Our Lady of Fatima at 12.30pm, at the Fatima centre.



Next Sunday's readings

Our All-age Christingle service

The Gospel of Luke
Chapter 2 verses 1-7

Today's Hymns

Troait:	447
Psalm	906
Gradual:	503
Offertory:	267
Communion 1:	choir
Communion 2:	286
Recessional:	153

Today's rota

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

Next Sunday's rota

Readings	Tayjan
Intercessions	Queen/Nony
Stewards	Ndu Sr & Ndu jr
Chalice	Sherri & Queen/Nony



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Join us for coffee or tea after the service



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