

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

**Today** | I am All-Age Eucharist for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, followed by prayer meeting. St Michael's Youth will meet during the service as well.

**Monday** Felix Food distribution resumes at Our Lady of Fatima.

**18th—25th January**, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Monday prayer with Our Lady of Fatima, at 0950 Friday at 10.15am at St Michael and St George.

**Next Sunday** | I am Parish Eucharist for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany



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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

This Quiz: Jesus' Life part 2

- 1.) To whom did Jesus say "Get behind me, Satan"?  
John the Baptist  
Herod  
Pilate  
Peter
- 2.) How many days of temptation did Jesus endure in the wilderness?  
20  
30  
40  
50
- 3.) What was Jesus doing when a storm came up on the Sea of Galilee?  
Praying  
Sleeping  
Eating  
Preaching
- 4.) Which of these disciples did Jesus take with him into Gethsemane?  
Thaddaeus  
Matthew  
James  
Nicodemus
- 5.) Where was Jesus when he ascended into heaven?  
Jerusalem  
Mount of Olives  
Galilee  
Nazareth

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Please give us your feedback

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

## 19th January 2020 Welcome to our All Age Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

### Today's Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches  
of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever.

### Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

The response in today's intercessions is :

Leader: Lord God, you call us to serve you      **All: Be our strength in all we do**

### The Gospel according to John chapter 1 verses 29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, "Look, the Lamb of God.[a] He takes away the sins of the world! This is the One I was talking about. I said, 'A man will come after me, but he is greater than I am, because he was living before me.' Even I did not know who he was. But I came baptizing with water so that the people of Israel could know who he is."

Then John said, "I did not know who the Christ was. But God sent me to baptize with water. And God told me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and rest on a man. That man is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'" John said, "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven. The Spirit looked like a dove and rested on him. I have seen this happen. So I tell people: 'He is the Son of God.'"

### The First Followers of Jesus

The next day John was there again with two of his followers. He saw Jesus walking by and said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

The two followers heard John say this. So they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him. He asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" ("Rabbi" means "Teacher.")

Jesus answered, "Come with me and you will see." So the two men went with Jesus. They saw the place where Jesus was staying and stayed there with him that day. It was then about four o'clock.

These two men followed Jesus after they heard about him from John. One of the men was Andrew. He was Simon Peter's brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother, Simon. He said to Simon, "We have found the Messiah." ("Messiah" means "Christ.") Then Andrew took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at Simon and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas." ("Cephas" means "Peter.")



# World Council of Churches

What is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

Are you confused by all these names Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal, Orthodox, Reformed, Baptist, Evangelical, and so on?

Well they are all different bits and pieces of the Christian Church, and they all fit together like a jigsaw, but sometimes the differences can seem to cause conflict and dissatisfaction. It might even look as if Christians are divided and that they argue amongst themselves.

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John's Gospel chapter 17 verse 21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul.

In order to prepare for the annual celebration, worship materials are used to help us pray throughout the world, and to search for the visible unity of the church.

## Christian Unity Prayers this week

**Monday at 09.50am** at Our Lady of Fatima,

**Friday at 10.15am** at St Michael and St George,

followed by refreshments



The Christian Healing Mission in Hammersmith is closing and they would like to donate some chairs to our creche, but we need to transport them. Can anyone with a car help this week?

The family of Mr Johnson Akinfolarim have made the following funeral arrangements:

**Wednesday 29th January 7-9pm** at a venue in East London—Memorial evening of Hymns, Prayers and readings, praise and worship.

**Thursday 30th January** at 2pm Funeral and burial according to the rites of the Church of England, City of London cemetery, Aldersbrook Rd, Manor Park, London E12 5DQ

**Friday 31st January 7-12pm** Grays Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex. RM16 2JU memorial evening and reception in the Yoruba tradition. We are invited to attend any of these functions and ceremonies, please discuss transport with Fr Ben who will liaise with the family.

Greenbelt Festival—put your name down for a ticket for this weekend festival, four nights camping and a fantastic programme of activities, music, prayer, worship and fun for all ages.

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WILD AT HEART  
28-31 AUGUST 2020**

## Here is a meditation and prayer for Christian Unity

### Meditation

Christ is our light and our guide. Without the light and guidance of Christ, we become disorientated. When Christians lose sight of Christ, they grow fearful and divided from one another. Moreover many people of good will outside the Church are unable to see the light of Christ because in our Christian division we reflect Christ's light less clearly or, at times, block it out completely. As we seek the light of Christ, we are drawn closer to one another, and so mirror this light more clearly, becoming truly a sign of Christ, the light of the world.

### Prayer

God, your word is a light to our steps and without you we are lost and disorientated. Enlighten us so that, through your word, we may walk your path. May our churches crave your guiding, consoling and transforming presence. Give us the honesty we need to recognize when we make it difficult for others to see your light, and the grace we need to share your light with others. We ask this in the name of your Son, who calls us, his followers, to be light to the world. Amen.

### Today's rota

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Readings      | Patience        |
| Intercessions | -               |
| Stewards      | David & Neil    |
| Chalice       | Rebecca & David |
| Coffee        | Nony & Mavis    |

### Today's Hymns

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Troait:      | 661   |
| Gradual:     | 307   |
| Offertory:   | 657   |
| Communion 1: | choir |
| Communion 2: | 283   |
| Recessional: | 656   |

### Next Sunday's rota

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Readings      | Uzoma              |
| Intercessions | Pat                |
| Stewards      | Chinenyenwa        |
| Chalice       | Queen/Nony & Bryan |
| Coffee        | Nony & Elizabeth   |

## United in the Word, sacraments and prayer



### For those in any

#### kind of need at the moment;

Christine Carey, Alexandrina Matthews, Esther Olurenfemi, Fedora Stafford, Fred Sackey. Gloria Balliston, Margaret Parnell, Olumide Adeeko, Clare, Deeva. Esther Coll, Tina Turner, Keith Boyce.

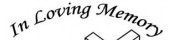
### For those who have been in hospital:



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

Mr Johnson Akinfolarim, Laurence Kehoe.

### Anniversary: our names are written in heaven.



Jane Robinson, Edith Alice Smith,, Margaret Jenkins.

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

### Next Sunday's Bible readings

**The Book of the Prophet Isaiah**  
chapter 9 verses 1—4

**The First letter of Paul to the Corinthians**  
Chapter 1 verses 10—18

**The Gospel according to Matthew**  
Chapter 4 verses 12—23

**24 February— 8 March is Fair Trade Fortnight, our action-packed highlight of the year to show our support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.**



Join us for Fair Trade coffee or tea after the service

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