

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

Today is our Festival Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King

Parish Eucharist for the festival of Christ the King, followed by a 80th birthday celebration lunch for Alfred organised by the Boateng Family.

Monday Felix Food distribution at the Fatima Centre

Saturday 30th November—6pm—8.30pm Ceilidh Folk Dance with Michael and Natascha

Looking ahead:

Next Sunday—Eucharist for Advent Sunday, followed by the Bible Study

Friday 13th December, 6pm. —Hope in White City Advent celebration together with Our lady of Fatima and the whole community

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Please give us feedback—we would like to collect your personal 'stories' about what our church means to you and your life in White City.

This week's Bible Quiz

Children in the Bible—more famous Children

1.) Whose mother would bring him a coat every year when he worked in the temple?

Joseph
Moses
Samuel
Jonah

2.) What child was 13 years old when he was circumcised?

Ishmael
Isaac
Esau
Jacob

3.) What was David doing when Samuel called to anoint him King?

hunting
tending sheep
killing a lion
playing the harp

4.) Who once caught 300 foxes, tied them together in pairs with firebrands on their tails, and loosed them into his enemies cornfields to set their crops on fire!

Abner
Gideon
Samson
Gilead

5.) This child was a twin, and Abraham's grandson. His mother's name was Rebecca.

Isaac
Joseph
Ishmael
Esau

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

Eucharist for the Festival of Christ the King

Today's Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The response in today's intercessions is :-

Leader: May your Kingdom come

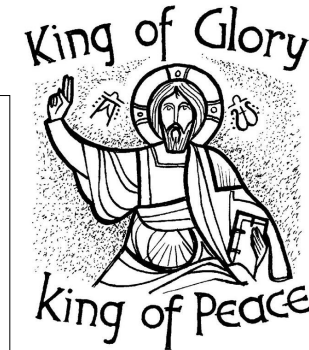
All: In us as in Heaven

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The White City Rainbow

24th
November
2019



Today's readings

The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah
chapter 23 verses 1—6

Page 561—2 at the front of the bible

The letter to the Colossians
Chapter 3 verses 11—20

Page 156 at the back of the bible

Today's Gospel Reading

The Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 23 verses 33—43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'



On Friday evening we were represented at the Farewell to the Archdeacon by Mrs Greene, Norma, Fr Andy and Fr Ben . We wrote a message on behalf of this church in the messages book. Archdeacon Stephan and Jenny will retire to Beverley in East Yorkshire at the end of the year.
His final words to us all were from Philippians chapter 4 verses: 8-9 :
'Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things'.

Stir-up Sunday is the nickname for today, the last Sunday before the season of Advent. It gets its name from the collect after communion which begins with the words, "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people". But it has become associated with the custom of making the Christmas puddings on that day. one of the essential Christmas Most recipes for Christmas pudding require it to be cooked well in advance of Christmas and then reheated on Christmas Day, so the collect of the day served as a useful reminder.



Stir Up Sunday

Traditionally, families gather together in the kitchen to mix the Christmas pudding on Stir-up Sunday. Children are taught how to mix ingredients for the pudding. Everyone takes a turn to stir the pudding mix for each person involved is able to make a special wish for the year ahead. Practically, stirring the mixture is hard work, therefore as many as possible are involved. By tradition the pudding mixture is stirred from East to West in honour of the three wise men who visited the baby Jesus and in some households, silver coins are added to the pudding mix, to add to the fun of eating the pudding on Christmas Day.

Advent Bible Studies

We begin next Sunday 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.



Hope in White City—Advent Community Celebration Friday 13th December at 6pm

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.

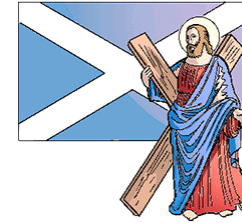
The Mothers Union Choir Annual Advent Dinner,

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



A prayer in the footsteps of Andrew the Apostle.

Heavenly Father, Today we praise you for the example of St. Andrew, who was the first to recognize and follow your Son Jesus, the Lamb of God. With His friend John he remained with Jesus for that first day, for his entire life, and now throughout eternity.



St. Andrew's Day

As he led his brother Peter to Christ, and many others after him, may we also be drawn closer to Christ. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him, and dedication in His service.

Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus.

Amen.

Saint Andrew the Apostle was a fisherman before he met Jesus. Now he is the patron saint of Fishermen and of Scotland. Andrew is known as the first Apostle. He was killed by being crucified on a saltire, or x-shaped cross, for baptizing Maximilla, the wife of the Roman governor of Patras. His symbol, the saltire, is featured on the flag of Scotland. Saint Andrew's day is 30th November.

Today's rota

Readings Nony
Intercessions Pat
Stewards Alfred & Chinyen
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Chalice Eunice

Today's Hymns

Introit: 195
Gradual: 197
Offertory: 200
Communion 1: choir
Communion 2: 719
Recessional: 229

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.

Ebenezer Nwoka

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



Next Sunday's readings

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah
chapter 2 verses 1—5

The letter to the Romans
Chapter 13 verses 11—end

The Gospel of Matthew
Chapter 24 verses 36 —44

Next Sunday's rota

Readings Stephanie
Intercessions -
Stewards Elizabeth A
Chalice Veronica and Rebecca

For eleven years 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
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