

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

Today 11.00 - 12.30 -**Christmas Day**
I Iam All –Age Eucharist with carols

Christmas day lunch—join the party at 12.30pm, Our Lady of Fatima Community Centre—fun and food together. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Next Sunday, I Iam parish Eucharist for the 1st Sunday after Christmas.

Tuesday 31st December 11pm Watchnight Service for the New Year



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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 Said It

1.) Who Said: "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"

Judas
Simon
Jesus
Mary

2.) Who Said: "Let me die with the Philistines."

Moses
Elijah
Samson
Goliath

3.) Who Said: "What is truth?"

Annas
Pilate
Jesus
Peter

4.) Who Said: "Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Paul
Peter
Jesus
Luke

5.) Who Said: "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men."

Peter
Pilate
Paul
Timothy

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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



Today's Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at
heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

The response in today's
intercessions is :

Leader: Prince of Peace
All: Reveal to us your glory

Post Communion

God our Father,
in this night you have made known
to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on
him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in
our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for
ever.



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The White City Rainbow

25th December 2019

Welcome to our All-Age Eucharist for
Christmas morning

Today's Gospel reading
The Gospel according to St. Luke
Chapter 2 verses 1 –14

The Birth of Jesus

At that time, Augustus Caesar sent an order to all people in the countries that were under Roman rule. The order said that they must list their names in a register.

This was the first registration taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

And everyone went to their own towns to be registered.

So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea.

This town was known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him.

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby.

She gave birth to her first son. There were no rooms left in the inn.

So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed.

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people. Today your Saviour was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box."

Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel. All the angels were praising God, saying:

"Give glory to God in heaven,
and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God."

Christmas Day in Bethlehem—as it looks today with the concrete wall up to 26 feet high separating the people and the town of Bethlehem from the surrounding countryside. The wall was built by the Israeli government from 2003—6, separating Palestinian and Israeli communities.



The barrier is defended by the Israeli government as temporary measure to stop the wave of violence and suicide bombings inside Israel resulting from the occupation of Palestinian lands. But it has since become a political border between Israel and Palestine which annexes Palestinian land and undermines peace negotiations, it severely restricts the travel of many Palestinians and impairs their ability to commute to work within the West Bank or to Israel. The International Court of Justice has issued an advisory opinion stating that

the barrier is a violation of international law and the United Nations has voted that the wall contradicts international law and should be removed.



Fr Ben and Fr Andy would like to thank everyone for the kind greetings, cards and presents that they have received, and to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Mr Johnson Akinfolari's funeral will take place on **30th January** at the City of London cemetery in Manor Park, London, time tbc.



Christmas Day Lunch with Our Lady of Fatima



at 1pm, at the Fatima centre.



A big thank you

to everybody who helped with the preparation of the Christingles, the Church Cleaning, polishing and ready for our Christmas celebrations—well done!



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 Christmas Day

Lord God,

Today may we not only unwrap presents,
But may we discover more of your love.

Today may we not only eat on festive food,
But may we feast on faith in you.

Today may we not only cherish happy times
with family and friends,

But may we invite you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing carols that celebrate your birth,

But may we dwell upon Christ alive this moment.

Living Lord, we long to discover your love,
feast on your truth, invite you into our lives
and thank you for your sacrifice. Amidst the
presents, food and family we long to celebrate
Christmas with you.

Amen.

Our Christmas Appeal is for 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 churches in west London. Thank you for your support.

Today's rota

Readings Denise, Patience and Lacharelle
Intercessions Pat
Stewards Nia & Chinenyenwe
Chalice Veronica & Eunice

Today's Hymns

Introit: 536
Gradual: 739
Offertory: 317
Communion 1: 155
Communion 2: 614
Recessional: 501

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



For those who have been in hospital:

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

Akinfolari, Laurence Kehog *In Loving Memory*

Anniversary: our names are written in heaven.



Tom McCabe, Elizabeth Collins, Robert Osborne jnr, Catherine Alade.

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 63 verses 7—9

The letter to the Hebrews
Chapter 2 verses 10-end

The Gospel of Matthew
Chapter 2 verses 13 —end

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Readings Denise
Intercessions Queen/Nony
Stewards Ndu Sr & Ndu jr
Chalice Rebecca and David

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
eleven years as a Fair Trade Church