

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

Today 11pm Watchnight Service for the New Year—Prayers, hymns and Communion

Next Sunday, 5th January 11am Festival Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany.

18th—25th January, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, daily prayers with Our Lady of Fatima.



Emmanuel shall
come
Rejoice
Israel

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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

This Quiz: Jesus' Birth

1.) Who was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary?

Jacob
Eleazar
Azor
Jechonias

2.) Which angel appeared to Mary?

Gabriel
The Angel of the Lord
Michael
Gideon

3.) Who was promised that he would not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ?

Zacharias
Joseph
Simeon
John the Baptist

4.) Who was the king of Judaea at the time of the birth of Jesus?

Herod
Pilate
Caesar
Barnabas

5.) Where was Jesus born?

Nazareth
Bethlehem
Jerusalem
Egypt

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



Today's Bible readings

The Book of Genesis
chapter 12 verses 1—9
Pages 7 & 8 at the front of the bible

The second Letter to the Corinthians
Chapter 5 verses 16—21
Page 139 at the back of the bible

Today's Collect

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year
For all the promise it holds.
Kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that we may see your wonders
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen

The response in today's
intercessions is :

Leader: Lord in you mercy
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Post Communion

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness and forgiving freely and unconditionally,
Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.
Amen

The White City Rainbow

31st December 2019

Welcome to our Watchnight Eucharist for The New Year 2020

Today's Gospel reading
The Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 14 verses 13—21

Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'

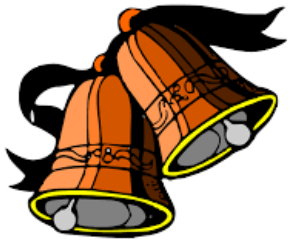
They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.'

And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.





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.

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

The Year Ahead

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,

But by making us sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us,

But by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant,

But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,

and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

- Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney

A Prayer at the New Year

THE COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low by you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.



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.



For those who have been in hospital:

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

Mr Johnson Akinfolarim, Laurence Kehog

Anniversary: our names are written in heaven.

Onoyom Inyang, Fr Guy Shea, Lionel Rogers,

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.



Next Sunday's readings

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah
chapter 60 verses 1—6

The letter of Paul to the Ephesians
Chapter 3 verses 1-12

The Gospel according to Matthew
Chapter 2 verses 1-12

Next Sunday's rota

Readings Queen/Nony

Intercessions Pat

Stewards Neil & David

Chalice Bryan & Queen/Nony

Do you have the envelopes for the weekly envelope giving scheme? New envelopes are now available for the year 2020, please see Boshi our churchwarden.

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



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 New Year.



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>

Today's rota

Readings -
Intercessions -
Stewards -
Chalice -

Today's Hymns

Introit: 131
Psalm: 1018
Gradual: 470
Offertory: 170
Communion 1: choir
Communion 2: 630
Recessional: 650

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