

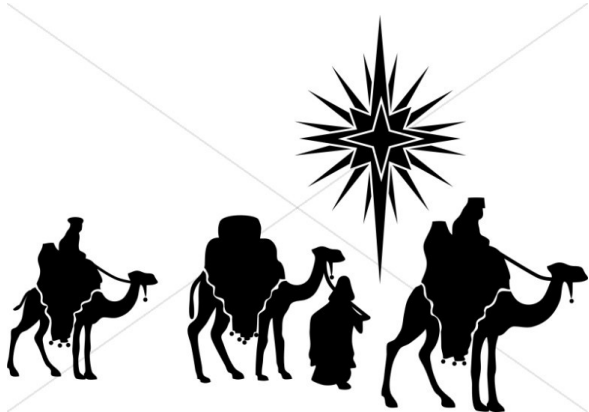
## What's happening this week at St Michael & St George's Church and around the area?

Today I I am Festival Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany. Followed by a meeting of the Standing Committee

**Next Sunday, 12th January**—Eucharist for the Baptism of Christ followed by a meeting of the PCC.

**Monday 13th January**—Felix Food distribution resumes at Our Lady of Fatima.

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



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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' Birth Part 2

1.) How did the shepherds who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him?

They were told in a dream.  
An angel of the Lord told them.  
They read it in the ancient scrolls.  
A messenger from the east informed them.

2.) How did the Magi (wise men) who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him?

They followed a star in the east.  
An angel of the Lord told them.  
They were told in a dream.  
They followed a cloud before them.

3.) Which was not a gift the wise men brought to Jesus?

Myrrh  
Frankincense  
Silver  
Gold

4.) To escape from the king, the angel of the Lord told Jesus' family to leave and go where?

Syria  
Egypt  
Bethlehem  
Palestine

5.) Where was Jesus raised after they returned?

Bethlehem  
Egypt  
Syria  
Nazareth

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[www.stmichaelswhitecity.org](http://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 Bible readings

**The Book of the Prophet Isaiah**  
chapter 60 verses 1—6  
Page 535 at the front of the bible

**The letter of Paul to the Ephesians**  
Chapter 3 verses 1-12  
Page 149 at the back of the bible

### Today's Collect

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face  
to face;  
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.

The response in today's  
intercessions is :

Leader: Christ Light of the world

**All: Scatter the darkness from  
before us.**

### Post Communion

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the na-  
tions seek:  
may we who with the wise men  
have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in  
your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

# The White City Rainbow

**5th January 2020**  
Welcome to our Eucharist for  
The Feast of the Epiphany

**Today's Gospel reading**  
**The Gospel according to St. Matthew**  
Chapter 2 verses 1—12

### The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



### I Am the New Year

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.  
 I am your next chance at the art of living.  
 I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.  
 All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.  
 All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.  
 I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."  
 - Author Unknown

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

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.

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.

**GREENBELT  
 WILD AT HEART  
 28-31 AUGUST 2020**

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.

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.

### How to reduce your carbon footprint in 2020?

We are facing a climate emergency—so it is time to look seriously at our energy usage. The average family of 4 creates 10 tonnes of CO2 emissions each year. Changing to low energy light bulbs will save you about £12 per year in electricity costs for each bulb compared to using a standard 100W bulb. Have a look for more carbon-reducing information on this website:  
<https://www.carbonfootprint.com/>

### It takes more than food to stop UK hunger

...says the Trussell Trust who finance most of the foodbanks in the UK, including ours here in White City. Changes to the Benefits system, ill-health, eviction or unexpected debts are also pushing many people into hunger and poverty, and many either don't have or have exhausted formal and informal support options. The aim of ending hunger in the UK is a mammoth task, but one we believe is possible, but it needs people who are outraged that so many people are facing hunger in 2020. see their website [www.trusselltrust.org/](http://www.trusselltrust.org/)

### Conflict in the Middle east is back in the news. Here is a prayer for the people of that region:

A prayer for the Middle East:

Heavenly Father,  
 when we see devastating images of war and hear the inconsolable cries of those who have lost homes, livelihoods and loved ones, our hearts break.

In the face of so much suffering and despair, come Lord Jesus and help me to see with your eyes, hear with your ears, think with your mind, speak with your lips, walk with your feet, love with your heart, so that I can reach out with your hands and be a future-maker to our brothers and sisters in Iraq, Iran, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria.

Raise up leaders in the Middle East who will turn from violence and seek your ways of peace that they may act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God.

We pray this in Jesus' name,  
 Amen.

From the website <https://www.embraceme.org/pray>

### Today's rota

Readings Queen/Nony  
 Intercessions Pat  
 Stewards Neil and David  
 Chalice Bryan & Queen/Nony

### Today's Hymns

Introit: 144  
 Psalm: 919  
 Gradual: 603  
 Offertory: 365  
 Communion 1: 818  
 Communion 2: 630  
 Recessional: 722

**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.**

### 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.



David Junior, Diana Anderson, Allan Olive Campbell,

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 42verses 1—9  
**The Acts of the Apostles**  
 Chapter 10 verses 33—43

**The Gospel according to Matthew**  
 Chapter 3 verses 13—end

### Next Sunday's rota

Readings Suzy  
 Intercessions Nony/Queen  
 Stewards Ndu snr/Ndu jnr  
 Chalice Veronica & Eunice



Join us for Fair Trade coffee or tea after the service

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