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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd December 2018

ST MICHAEL'S HYMNS

Introit 506 Once in royal David's city
Gradual 497 O little town of Bethlehem
Offertory 468 O come, all ye faithful
Communion 469 O come, O come, Emmanuel
626 The first owell
Recessional 580 Silent night, holy night



COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and
keep us faithful as we await the coming
of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



FOR OUR PRAYERS: Sandra, Don, Doreen, Samantha & family, Jean, Sid, Jack, Joan,
Salimah, Shawn and new baby

IN REMEMBRANCE: Frank



NOTICES

OFFERTORY AT ST GEORGE'S

We would like to return to the practice of bringing the bread and wine up to the altar from the back of church. Please, therefore, once the offertory hymn is announced and exchanging the peace concludes, make sure that the central aisle is clear.



TOMMO'S CHRISTMAS, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE LUNCH

Lunch and entertainment can now be booked for any or all of these days until **22 December** by calling Jan on 07962344744. If needed, she can also arrange transport.



WOMEN'S FRIDAY GROUP

On **Friday 7 December**, the WFG will be having a mulled wine and mince pie evening complete with a Secret Santa (£5 a gift) backward raffle! For more information see Lynne, It starts at 20:00 at St George's.



TEA, CAKE & BIBLE

The group at 16 Ticehurst Rd will meet at 14:00 on **Wednesday 12 December**.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

The second of 3 short conversations for children at St George's will be after the 10:00 service **today**.



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

There will be an Advent Carol Service on **Sunday 9 December** at 16:00 at St George's. This will be a seasonal collection of words and music. If you would like to read please add your name to the list in the foyer.



MILDMAY CELEBRITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

The concert will be on **18 December** 19:00 at Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street, E1 6LY and raises vital funds to support Mildmay's work in the UK and East Africa. 2018 will mark Mildmay's 30th year of working at the forefront of specialised HIV medical care, rehabilitation and services in the UK and 20 years in Africa. At the concert this year, celebrities include Linda Robson, Robert Powell and Stephanie Beacham with solo musical performances from Diversity Choir, and soprano Sally Harrison. Book on line via the events page on the website www.mildmay.org or call the events team on 0207 613 6311. Tickets are a suggested donation of £12.50.

ADVENT CHORAL EVENSONG

St. Augustine's Honor Oak Park tonight:
Sunday 2 December at 18:00. Everyone is very welcome!



WALSINGHAM 2019

Following a great pilgrimage this year, we have booked 33 places for 8 - 10 November 2019. Details to follow.



ADVENT AT ST GEORGE'S

As last year, we will have 3 sessions of discussion, prayer and reflection to prepare for Christmas on **Wednesday 5, Tuesday 11** and **Monday 17 December** at 20:00 in church. The theme will be Vocation: Hearing Our Call.



NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Sunday 9 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

St George's

9:00 - Matins

10:00 - Eucharist

St Michael's

10:00 - Communion

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

Philippians 1: 3 - 11

Luke 3: 1 - 6

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 December

St Michael's: 09:00 - 11:30 - Mums & Toddlers

Tuesday 4 December

St George's church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

St George's church: 10:30 - Eucharist

St George's hall: 18:00 - Brownies

Wednesday 5 December

St Michael's: 09:00 - 11:30 - Mums & Toddlers

St George's Church & Studio: 10:00 - Totzone

St George's Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

St George's Church: 19:00 - 21:00 New Life

Thursday 6 December

Chapel: 18:30 - Eucharist

St Michael's: 19:00 - Guides

Friday 7 December

St George's church: 19:00 - New Life

Saturday 8 December

St George's church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 5 December

St George's: 20:00 - Advent series

Friday 7 December

St George's: 20:00 - Women's Friday Group

Sunday 9 December

St George's: 10:00 - Toy Service with Christingle

St George's: 11:00 - Communion preparation

St George's: 16:00 - Advent Carol Service

Tuesday 11 December

St George's: 20:00 - Advent series

Sunday 16 December

St Michael's: 10:00 - Christingle & Crib Service

Monday 17 December

St George's: 20:00 - Advent series

Sunday 23 December

St Michael's: 10:00 - Carol Service

St George's: 16:00 - Carol Service

OT: Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'



NT: I Thessalonians 3: 9 - end



GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25 - 36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens



will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

