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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9th December 2018

ST GEORGE'S HYMNS

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| Introit | 839 |
| Gradual | 856 |
| Offertory | 350 |
| Communion | 950, 67 |
| Recessional | 87 |



COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to
redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first
coming that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



FOR OUR PRAYERS: TJ, Cliff, May, Iris, David, Mark, Nakia, Donna, Kaiden, Nzinga, Debbie, Tammy, Judy, Julie, Martin, Kate, Ben, Margaret, Robert, Caroline, Pam, Ivan, Donna, Nicholas, Muriel

IN REMEMBRANCE: Eileen Hodgson, Stanley Evans

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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.



DRAGON SLAYERS & YOUTH TALK
...will be on **Sunday 23 December** - please join us!



TEA, CAKE & BIBLE

The group at 16 Ticehurst Rd will meet at 14:00 on **Wednesday 12 December**. The group at 35 Kilmorie Rd will meet Thursday 13 November at 20:00 and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in January and February 2019.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

The last short conversation for children at St George's will be after the 10:00 service **today**.



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The Advent Carol Service is **Sunday TODAY** at 16:00 at St George's. This will be a seasonal collection of words and music.



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.

WOOLWICH AREA LAY

CONFERENCE 2 FEBRUARY 2019

Bishop Karowei will be one of the speakers at this conference to equip and enable lay people who are 'decision makers and key influencers'. If you're interested in finding out more, please see the poster/leaflets for more information!



ST GEORGE'S CAROL SERVICE

If you would like to read at the Carol service, please sign the list in the foyer.



ADVENT AT ST GEORGE'S

We have 2 remaining sessions of discussion, prayer and reflection to prepare for Christmas on **Tuesday 11** and **Monday 17 December** at 20:00 in church. The theme is Vocation: Hearing Our Call.



NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Sunday 16 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

St George's

9:00 - Matins

10:00 - Eucharist

St Michael's

10:00 - Communion

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Zephaniah 3: 14 - end

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Luke 3: 7 - 18

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 10 December

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

Tuesday 11 December

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

St George's church: 10:30 - Eucharist

St George's hall: 18:00 - Brownies

Wednesday 12 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 13 December

St George's church: 09:00 - 15:00 -

Montessori Christmas Show

Chapel: 18:30 - Eucharist

St Michael's: 19:00 - Guides

Friday 14 December

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

Saturday 15 December

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 9 December

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

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

Monday 24 December

St George: 16:00 - Crib Service

St Michael: 16:30 - Nativity Service

Tuesday 25 December

Parish churches: 10:00 - Christmas Service

FIRST READINGS

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning, when God created the universe, ² the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. ³ Then God commanded, “Let there be light”—and light appeared.

Isaiah 9:2

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
They lived in a land of shadows,
but now light is shining on them.

John 1:5

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

Isaiah 2:5

⁵ Now, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light which the LORD gives us!



GOSPEL: John 8:3-12 (GNT)

³ The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. ⁴ “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?” ⁶ They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger. ⁷ As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened up and said to them, “Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her.” ⁸ Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ He straightened up and said to her, “Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?” ¹¹ “No one, sir,” she answered. “Well, then,” Jesus said, “I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again.” ¹² Jesus spoke to the Pharisees again. “I am the light of the world,” he said. “Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.”