



WELCOME

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9th December 2018

ST MICHAEL'S HYMNS

Introit 306 Immortal, invisible

Gradual 347 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Offertory 483 O God, our help in ages past

Communion 60 Be still for the presence of the Lord

428 Love divine

Recessional 550 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven



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: Sid's family, Jack's family, Don & family

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Sid, Jack



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

OT: Malachi 3: 1 - 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.



NT: Philippians 1: 3 - 11



GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

