



# WELCOME

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

June, Betty, Caroline, Liz, Denise



## COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the  
way of your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these  
heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for  
ever.

## SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

Will take place at 09:30 at St George's and online. For Zoom contact details email [morwenna2@ntlworld.com](mailto:morwenna2@ntlworld.com).



## ATTENDING ST GEORGE'S SUNDAY EUCHARIST

To attend a Sunday service at St George's, **please contact Richard by the Friday before**, by email: [richard.lane@stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk](mailto:richard.lane@stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk). There is a strictly limited capacity and people will be turned away if we cannot accommodate them safely.

**PLEASE** don't 'reply' to Welcome Sheet emails —these go straight to the parish office and not to Richard!



## ONLINE SERVICES: **ST GEORGE'S**

Our services will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel as soon after the service as is possible. You can see them on our channel here: <https://bit.ly/328OLfC>



## ST GEORGE'S YOUTUBE CAROL SERVICE

As well as Words & Music for Christmas in church, we're recording a traditional carol service with readers from church and carols from our great cathedrals and will be found on our YouTube channel from Monday 14 December.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### **Tuesday 15 December**

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

St George's church: 10:30 - Eucharist

St George's: 20:00 - **Advent group**

### **Wednesday 16 December**

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

St Michael's: 19:00 - carol singing at entrance!

St George's: 20:00 - **Advent group** on Zoom

### **Friday 18 December**

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

### **Saturday 19 December**

St George's: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

### **Sunday 20 December**

St George's: 10:00 - Eucharist

St Michael's: 10:00 - 9 Lessons & Carols

St George's: 16:00 - Words & Music for Christmas

St Michael's: 18:00 - Prayer & Bible Study

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Monday 21 December**

St George's: 20:00 - Advent group

### **Tuesday 22 December**

St George's: 20:00 - Advent group on Zoom



## ONLINE SERVICES: **ST MICHAEL'S**

We are holding their 10:00 Sunday service on Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3mlEs0h>. More details here:

[stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk/st-michaels-online-services/](http://stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk/st-michaels-online-services/)

## ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 20 December 16:00**

Words & Music for Christmas

**Christmas Eve 23:30**

Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day 10:00**

Christmas Communion

**St Stephen's Day 09:30**

Morning Prayer

Encouraged by Richard, we've become a bit relaxed about giving notice about coming to church on Sundays when we have never reached capacity. For our Christmas services, please let Richard or the parish office know if you intend to come to any of these services. This is a time when we might need to accommodate more than our socially distanced capacity of 60 so let us know as soon as possible which you hope to come to.



### ST GEORGE'S ADVENT GROUPS

Advent groups are meeting in-person at church on Tuesday at 20:00 and on Zoom on Wednesday at 20:00. The book is 'Frequencies of God' by Carys Walsh. The Zoom details for the meetings on **16 & 22 December** are:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy2kyaac>

Meeting ID: 837 095 9916

Passcode: Church

## ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 20 December 10:00**

9 Lessons & Carols Service

**Thursday 24 December 16:30**

Nativity Service on Zoom ONLY

**Friday 25 December 10:00**

Christmas Service

### ST MICHAEL'S CAROL SINGING!

We will be carol singing together outside the church entrance on **Wednesday 16 December** from **19:00**. Email [mossPIP@gmail.com](mailto:mossPIP@gmail.com) (Pippa Moss) if you'd like to come!



### ST MICHAEL'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We'll meet every Sunday from 18:00 on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76549332409> or you can join calling the usual number and the same Meeting ID: 765 4933 2409. Please get in touch if you have any questions!



### ST MICHAEL'S NATIVITY SERVICE

Advance notice: **Zoom Nativity service 16:30 Dec 24**. All welcome but with younger children especially in mind. Dressing up for those who like. It's going to be different. Watch this space!

OT: Isaiah 61: 1—4, 8—end

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the  
oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his  
glory.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. ...  
<sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with  
them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the  
nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has  
blessed.  
<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of  
salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her  
jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to  
spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and  
praise  
to spring up before all the nations.



GOSPEL: John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose  
name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to  
testify to the light, so that all might believe  
through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but  
he came to testify to the light...

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the  
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem  
to ask him, 'Who are you?' <sup>20</sup> He confessed and  
did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the  
Messiah.' <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, 'What then?  
Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the  
prophet?' He answered, 'No.' <sup>22</sup> Then they said  
to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer  
for those who sent us. What do you say about  
yourself?' <sup>23</sup> He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness,  
"Make straight the way of the Lord"',  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

<sup>25</sup> They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing  
if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor  
the prophet?' <sup>26</sup> John answered them, 'I baptize  
with water. Among you stands one whom you  
do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after  
me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his  
sandal.' <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across  
the Jordan where John was baptizing.