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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20th December 2020

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

June, Betty, Caroline, Liz, Denise, Emma,
Tim and James

IN REMEMBRANCE:

Jane Pike, Angela Briscoe



COLLECT

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed
Virgin Mary to be the mother of the
promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will and with her rejoice in your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

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



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED From

Christmas Day the parish office will be closed until **Monday 4 January 2021!** Have a very blessed Christmas and New Year, Luiza



FROM JANET & JULIE

Julie and Janet have just moved to their new flat and Christmas cards are lost among the chaos of packing cases! Apologies that we won't be sending cards this year, but wishing everyone at St George's a happy, peaceful and hopeful Christmas.



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>



ONLINE SERVICES: **ST MICHAEL'S**

We are holding our 10:00 Sunday service on Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3mlEs0h>. More details here: stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk/st-michaels-online-services/

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 December

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

Tuesday 22 December

St George's: 09:30 - Morning prayer

St George's: 10:30 - Eucharist

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

Wednesday 23 December

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

St George's: 23:30 **Midnight Mass**

Thursday 24 December

St Michael's: 16:30 **Zoom nativity!**

St George's: 23:30 **Midnight Mass**

Friday 25 December

St George's: 10:00 **Christmas Communion**

St Michael's: 10:00 **Christmas Communion**

Saturday 26 December

St George's: **10:00** - Morning Prayer **Zoom ONLY!**

Sunday 27 December

St George's: 10:00 - Eucharist

St Michael's: 10:00 - Eucharist



ST GEORGE'S YOUTUBE CAROL SERVICE

As well as Words & Music for Christmas in church, we've recorded a traditional carol service with readers from church and carols from our great cathedrals, now available on our YouTube channel.

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

Encouraged by Richard, we have 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 Monday at 20:00 and on

Zoom on Tuesday at 20:00. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN PASSWORD!**

The Zoom details for the meeting on **22 December** is:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy2kyaac>

Meeting ID: 837 095 9916

Passcode: garden

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

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES JANUARY—APRIL 2021

...are now available from Richard. They cost £4.70 standard print or £5.95 large print.



ST MICHAEL'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Will meet tonight for the last time this year at 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. We will re-start on **17 January 2021**.



ST MICHAEL'S NATIVITY SERVICE

Zoom Nativity service at 16:30 on Christmas Eve. All welcome but with younger children especially in mind. Dressing up for those who like. It's going to be different. Use the usual Zoom details, as above.

OT: 2 Samuel 7: 1 - 11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³ Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders^[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD

declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.



GOSPEL: Luke 1: 26 - 38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'^[a] ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'^[b] ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.