



WELCOME

St George's Tel: 020 8613 0295 +

St Michael's Tel: 020 8778 4563

Team Rector: **Rev Richard Lane**

Team Vicar: **Rev Ifeanyi Chukuka**

richard.lane@foresthillteam.org

ifeanchuks@yahoo.com

Vicarage: **020 8699 4111**

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12th December 2021

ST GEORGE'S HYMNS

Introit 527 vv. 1, 2, 5

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (25): *To you,
O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Offertory 405 vv. 1, 2, 4

Communion **Solo anthem:**

**The Record of John by Orlando
Gibbons**

Recessional 295 vv. 1 & 4



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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Margaret, Betty, Penny, Brian & family, Mary, Michael

IN REMEMBRANCE: Stanley Evans

TOTZONE RESTART

We are hoping to restart TotZone on Wednesday mornings. We need a few more people to help with our weekly term-time group for pre-school children. Please have a word with Richard or Pat Alliston, if you can help.



HOME TO RENT WANTED

A member of the congregation is looking for a self-contained, one-bedroom flat to rent for around £200 per week. If you have or know of a place, please can you contact Richard or Luiza.



ADMINISTRATOR LEAVE

I will be out of the office from **Friday 24 December** and back to work **Tuesday 4 January**. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



PRAYER BOARD

The prayer board is now open for use—please attach your requests with the date and we will include them in the Welcome Sheet for 2 weeks. After that time you're welcome to pin another request to the board for further time, or have a word with us.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 December

Church: 18:45 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 14 December

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Eucharist

Hall: 18:00 - 19:30 - Brownies

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Church: 20:00 - Advent Group

Wednesday 15 December

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Church: 19:00-21:00 New Life

Thursday 16 December

Chapel 18:30 - Eucharist service

Friday 17 December

Church: 19:00-21:00 New Life

Saturday 18 December

Church and Zoom: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Sunday 19 December

Church: 10:00 - Eucharist

Church: 16:00 - Carol service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 21 December

Church: 20:00 - Advent Group

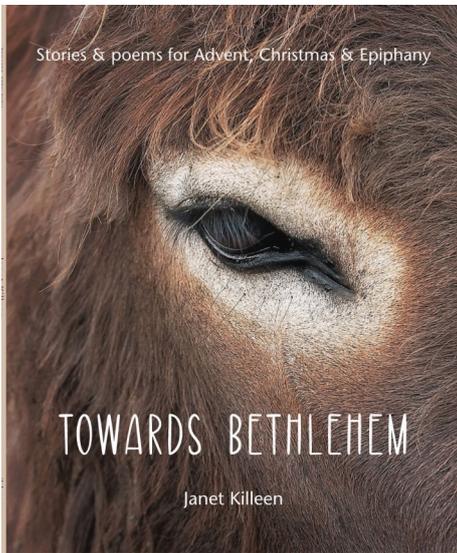
Friday 24 December

Church: 16:00 Crib Service

Church: 23:30 - Midnight mass

Saturday 25 December

Church: 10:00 - Family Communion



ADVENT 2021

'Towards Bethlehem: 'Stories, Poems and Reflections for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Ways of taking a fresh and sometimes challenging look at the familiar stories of the season. Available from Amazon or Wild Goose Publications. (Proceeds to the Iona Community).

We will be using Janet's book for our Advent group on **14 and 21 December**. Books cost £6. Please sign the list in the lobby if you'd like one!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES!

Carol Service

Sunday 19 December | 6:00

Crib Service

Friday 24 December | 6:00

Midnight Mass

Friday 24 December 23:30

Christmas Family Communion

Saturday 25 December | 10:00

Parish Eucharist

Sunday 26 December | 10:00

CHRISTMAS

OT: Zephaniah 3: 14—end

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements
against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the LORD.



GOSPEL: Luke 3: 7—18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.