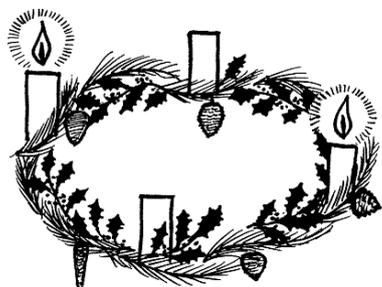


A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church



Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare a way for the Lord.

Sunday 5th December 2021

Opening Sentence

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Hymn : On Jordan's bank

Lighting of Advent Candle

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of **Hope** in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Peace**;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

Greeting and Entrance

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
And with your spirit

Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,
let us first call to mind our sin.

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring
us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Baruch (5:1-9)

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under
heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has
remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening

of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (125)

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: "what marvels
the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter to the Philippians (1:4-6, 8-11)

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your

love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon (Sit)

Creed (Stand)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Priest: May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with your spirit.

Offertory Prayers

Prayer over the Gifts

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you, **and with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts, **we lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.....**

Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day,
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in our unending hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying.
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying.
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God, St
Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Communion

Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The priest continues.....

**For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever
and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People: Though we are many we are one body, because we all
share in the one bread.**

Preparation for Communion:

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All: **With this wine...**

We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the side's people

Communion Antiphon

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

If watching the Mass online, we would encourage you to join in with the liturgy. At the point at which the clergy who are present receive Holy Communion you may wish to make an act of spiritual communion by using the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the Eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Father,
you give us food from heaven.
Teach us to live by your wisdom
and to love the things of heaven
by our sharing in this mystery . **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Blessing & Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.....

The Mass is ended, Go in peace. Thanks be to God!

The Angelus

Refreshments are served after the Mass, please stay and enjoy the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ

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Making an offering to the Church via your bank: -

St Michael Wood Green Business Premium Account

Sort code 20-98-21 Account number 00790869

Using as reference: Gift and you name, if you wish.

Food Bank -Thank you to all who have given so far, it is much appreciated. Thank you for the support it really is appreciated especially as we are feeding over 250 families each week on **Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-4pm**



St Michael's Followers – Our junior church (children over the age of 5.) meet every Sunday during the 10.30am Mass. We continue to use hand sanitizer and ensure all touch areas are cleaned before and after use. The children are given their own supplies for their use only. We ask that parents complete a registration form for their children.

Confirmation Service – Sunday 30th January 2022



St Michael at Bowes are hosting a Christmas Lunch on Saturday 11th December 1pm-4pm. 3 course meal, bring your own drinks. Tickets are available from Carol. Adults £15, children under 13 years £7.50

Youth group - We require a number of adult volunteers 18+, who could offer one hour each month to support the Youth provision in our church. This is integral to the ongoing Youth Worship and gathering which began at the beginning of October. Please do speak to Fr Tom if you would like to help or for more information. The next Youth gathering **Open Mic** service will be on **Sunday 5th December at 5pm.**

Advent thoughts - A lesson from the trees

Not long ago the trees were loaded with golden leaves.
Though pretty to look at, they robbed me of the world beyond.
But now they leaves have fallen
I am able to look through the skeletal branches
to the deep blue sky beyond.
Teach us, good Lord,
how to take care of our material needs
without neglecting our spiritual needs;
how to take care of ourselves
without neglecting others;
and how to live joyfully in this world
without losing sight of the world to come

Worship This Week

Tuesday 7th December

11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

Wednesday 8th December

12 noon Mass SMWG

Thursday 9th December

Mass 11am St Andrew's Church

Holy hour 7pm SMWG

Friday 10th December

Devotions at the cross 12 noon

Saturday 11th December

12 Noon Mass SMWG

Sunday 12th December

Third Sunday of Advent

Said Mass 8.30am

Parish Mass 10.30am



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 19th December

Nativity and Carol service 4pm

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Parish Mass 10.30am

Sunday 26th December

Holy Family Parish Mass 10.30am

We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:

Fr Winfield, Osita Nwakor, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Naomi Brown, Francis Ng Yu Tin, Baby Naira, Kathleen, Eric, Kate, Seelah, Maureen Clements, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Jazzmine Grimes, Claudette, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Ray and Pam Bennett, Emmanuel Kuye, Doreen Lelliot, Bob Wood, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Amy Harris, Jerry Moran, Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Marcus Cullen, Jennifer Douglas, Alexandra F Assis, Joshua Rattray, Victorine Clarke, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, Sarah Reggerie, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Peter John Clements, Patience Mafunga, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, , Dorren Norine, Beverley Pownall, Shola Adebowale, Una and Pat Murphy, Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuse, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Angela Whyte, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Brenda la Rose, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Vincent Booth, Rita Thompson, Mark, Ogbonna Quarcoopme-Harper, Gabriel, Julie Zinzan, Margaret and Ted, Adeline

for those who have died recently

Milan Kleanthous, Jane Green

and for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

5th December Lucy Bunker

7th December Adina Oliver

St Michael's Candle: Is burning in Loving memory of Adina Oliver

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of Pakion Sunassee

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of Adina Oliver

