



A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church Fourth Sunday of Advent 18th December 2022

God is forever faithful to his promises. From the time of David right up to the birth of Jesus there is no doubting that God is with his people. That which is hidden for endless ages is revealed in Jesus Christ who is the son of the Virgin Mary.

It is good to welcome you this morning. Worship is a wonderful thing, if we are not careful it can just wash over us without us playing any part in it; or, we can join in with it fully and discover that it moves us at a depth we didn't know we had.

Opening Sentence

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us

Greeting and Entrance and lighting of the Advent wreath

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.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Love**;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.

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.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Sit)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a
sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the
heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the
test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called

2nd Reading

A reading from Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew,(1:18-24)

Glory to you, O Lord

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon (Sit)

Creed

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 (Sit)

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace!

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Offertory Prayers

Priest: Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin
Mary.
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

The Preface

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

His future coming was proclaimed by all the prophets.
The virgin mother bore him in her womb with love beyond all
telling.

John the Baptist was his herald
And made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ has filled us with joy
As we prepare to celebrate his birth,
So that when he comes he may find us watching in prayer,
Our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

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 the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever**

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: This is 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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Communion Hymn: For Mary Mother of our Lord.
Let all mortal flesh keep silence.
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came.

Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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 – Please sit

Blessing & Dismissal

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

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

Lord, may all Christian people both know and cherish
The heavenly gifts they have received.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and
remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: The Mass is ended, Go in the peace of Christ

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Final Hymn: Holy Virgin by God's decree

The Angelus-

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Your clergy are called by God to serve you and are always happy to speak with you

Can we pray for you? – Prayers are offered every day at Church, if you have any prayer requests please let the clergy know. We pray daily for the parish and especially for those yet to return to church.

Advent Reflections - On Thursday evenings 7pm

Adult choir – meets with Vanessa at 7pm on Wednesday evenings. So far 16 people have attended and enjoyed the time together. How about you coming along too?



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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.

Notices



Thank you for all your continuing support towards the food bank. We will gladly take any donations, which will help people in our community it is much appreciated.

Wednesday Drop-in – Is taking a break now until January when it will resume Every Wednesday from 10.30am our **Drop-In** is open to anyone who needs a cuppa, a chat and a simple lunch. We offer a warm welcome to everyone especially our homeless brothers and sisters. If you know of anyone who might appreciate some company please invite them along.



Grab a bargain at the Advent table sale- after the Sunday 10.30am Mass in Advent you will find the Advent table sale at the back of Church. You could find the gift you have been looking for.



St Michael's Followers – takes place every Sunday during the 10.30am Mass



St Michael's Followers Breakfast Club –we offer a free breakfast club for Children (and their parents and carers) from 9.45am – 10.20 am on Sunday mornings in the Parish room.



Tuesday 20th December

11.00 am

Eucharist at St Michael-at-Bowes

12.00 noon

Bible Study & Reflection at St Michael-at-Bowes

Wednesday 21st December

12 noon Mass at SMWG

Thursday 22nd December

7pm Holy Hour at SMWG

Friday 23rd December

12 noon Mass at SMWG

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Sunday 25th December

Christmas day

10.30am Parish Mass

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

George Booth, Rosalyn Rowe, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Naomi Brown, Francis Ng Yu Tin, Baby Naira, Kathleen, Eric, Kate, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, 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, 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, Jereline Simons, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, 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, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Rita Thompson, Mark Ogbonna Quarcoopme-Harper, Gabriel, Julie Zinzan, Margaret, Adeline, Carmel, Ann Hammond. Anna and Louis, Bridget, Katie Kirkland, Jean, Dot, Michael.

for those who have died recently

June Power, Sister Barbara, Sadie Moore

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

18th December	Pam Booth
21 st December	Keith Wells
22 nd December	Patricia Coppen
24 th December	Kenneth Browne

St Michael's Candle: Is burning in loving memory of
Beverley Williams

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Marlene and Marcel NgYuTin

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Tylemay Vythelingum

Votive Candles – If you would like to buy a 7 day candle in memory of a loved one for just £2 please print the name and either give to Kathy or Carol