



A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Mary Mother of God

1st January 2023

God sent his Son born of a woman. Mary is the mother of Christ and the mother of the Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit she is linked to God in a unique way. She is also our spiritual mother who encourages us to say 'yes' to God our Father.

Opening Sentence

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

Hymn : Unto us a boy is born!

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.

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

Gloria: Jubilate, everybody

The Liturgy of the Word

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. 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 numbers (6:22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."
This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

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

Gradual Hymn: Born in the night

Second Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Galatians (4:4-7)

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (2:16-21)

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

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

Priest: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with your spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

Offertory Hymn: Angels from the realms of glory

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

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things
and bring them to fulfilment,
grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of
God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace,
so one day we may rejoice in its completion.
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
as we celebrate the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
she became the virgin Mother of your only Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is for ever the light of the world.

Through him the choirs of angels
and all the powers of heaven
praise and worship your glory.
may our voices blend with theirs
as we join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
**God of power and might,
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.
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...**

Communion Antiphon

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the sidespeople

Communion Hymns: See amid the winter's snow

What child is this

Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church. Through Christ our Lord. **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.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Born of the Virgin Mary,
the Son of God redeemed mankind.
May he enrich you with his blessings. **Amen.**

You received the author of life through Mary.
May you always rejoice in her loving care. **Amen.**

You have come to rejoice at Mary's feast.
May you be filled with the joys of the Spirit
and the gifts of your eternal home. **Amen.**

May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: The first Nowell the angel did say

The Angelus

Fr Ian and Carol- would like to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas. In place of individual Christmas cards donations have been made to Crisis and the Salvation Army to help our homeless brothers and sisters.

Thank You for all your kindness - Fr Ian & Carol sincerely thank you all for the cards, presents and good wishes received from so many this Christmas tide. We cannot begin to express our gratitude for the care you show us we are both humbled and grateful. Thank you and God bless you and those you love.



Tuesday 3rd January 2023
11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

Wednesday 4th January
12 noon Mass SMWG

Thursday 5th January
Holy hour 7pm SMWG

Friday 6th January
The feast of Epiphany
7pm Mass SMWG

Saturday 7th January
12 noon Mass SMWG

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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.

Adult choir – meets with Vanessa at 7pm on Wednesday evenings, this will resume on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**. How about you coming along too?



Wood green parish church of St Michael



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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.



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 – will resume from 4th January 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.



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.



Social and fundraising - our social and fundraising efforts have raised the following

£800 from the All Nations evening

£205 from the quiz night

£95 from the table sale

£60 from the wreath/table decoration workshop

£50 donation for the table decoration workshop

£267.25 from the Advent table sale

Giving a fantastic total **of £1736.25**

All in all a great achievement which I know is appreciated by the finance team at St Michael's Church.

Plans are underway for 2023, details will be advertised following the social and fundraising meeting, but the table sale will be continuing in the meantime.

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 Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola Adebowale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuisse, 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

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

1st January

Ivy Lewis

2nd January

Kay Penman

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

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Darris Williams

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Beverly Williams

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