

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 12th March 2023



Third Sunday of Lent

In today's *Gospel* we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan women. Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her - the gift he called 'living water'. Here at the Eucharist, Jesus offers us God's free gift of himself, let us open our hearts to receive him with faith and thanksgiving.

Opening Sentence

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Hymn : When I survey the wondrous cross

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through 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 (Sit)

A reading from the book of Exodus (17:3-7)

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah

because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

Gradual Hymn: God forgave my sin in Jesus name

2nd Reading

A reading from St Pauls letter to the Romans (5:1-2.5-8)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Lord, you are really the Saviour of the World;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to (John 4:5-42)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Lord be with you, **And with your spirit.**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could
you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob
who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his
cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never
get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you
are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you
say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,
the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come
– in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is
coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am
speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the
woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so,
when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with
them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more
came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe

because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

Sermon (Sit)

Baptism

Intercessions (sit)

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

The Peace

Jesus tells us:

'If you bring your gift to the altar and then remember that your neighbour has something against you, first be reconciled with your neighbour and then offer your gift.' (Mt. 5:24)

Christ 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 your spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace

Offertory Hymn: Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Offertory Prayers

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

**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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.

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.

When he asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink
Christ had already prepared for her the gift of faith.
In his thirst to receive her faith
he awakened in her heart the fire of your love.

With thankful praise,
in company with the angels,
we glorify the wonders of your power:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory your
power and might
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes
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Blessed is he, blessed is he,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

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

Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him, says the Lord, will have a spring inside him, welling up for eternal life.

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

Communion Hymns:

I heard the voice of Jesus say
From heaven you came, helpless babe

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
in sharing this sacrament
may we receive your forgiveness
and be brought together in unity and peace,
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.

Blessing (Stand)

The Lord be with you, **and with your spirit.**

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

May the Lord, the source of all gifts,
wash you in the water of life,
nourish you with the strength of his love,
and keep you in his peace always.
And may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn: We sing the Praise of Him who died 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.



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.

Wednesday Drop-in –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



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.

Tuesday 14th March 2023

11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

Wednesday 15th March

12 noon Mass SMWG

Thursday 16th March

7pm Lent group SMWG

Friday 17th March

8.30am Devotions at the cross

5.30pm Mass SMWG

Saturday 18th March

12 noon Mass SMWG

Sunday 19th March

4th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Said Mass & 10.30am Parish Mass



Dates for your Diary

<i>Sunday 2nd April</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
<i>Thursday 6th April</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
<i>Friday 7th April</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>Saturday 8th April</i>	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
<i>Sunday 9th April</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>

Men's breakfast- meets on Saturday 18th March , sign list at back of Church if you want to attend

Monthly coffee mornings and cake sales will begin on Saturday 22nd April

Bowes annual spring lunch - Saturday 13th May Tickets £15 adults, £7.50 children under 13 years, family of 4 ticket £30

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

Sunny, George Booth, Rosalyn Rowe, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, 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 Adebawale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Louiise, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Angela Whyte, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Rita Thompson, Gabriel, Julie Zinzan, Margaret, Carmel, Ann Hammond, Anna and Louis, Katie Kirkland, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone

for those who have died recently

John Mitchell

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

13 th March	George Field, Elsie Peters
14 th March	Ann Williams
15 th March	Lindsey Nartey, Patrick Okolo
16 th March	Ronald Tuite

St Michael's Candle: Is burning in loving memory of
Harold William Dalziel and Mary Ann Bennett

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Goopal Mootoosay

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Mr and Mrs Robert Ng Yu Tin

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