

A very warm welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 14th January 2024



Look, there is the Lamb of God.

We are called by Christ to follow him.

We become one spirit with him and offer our lives to his cause thus becoming parts of his Church. When he calls us, in every situation in which we find ourselves, we reply: "Here I am since you called me".

Opening Sentence

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Opening Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell.

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

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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

A reading from the first book of Samuel (3:3-10, 19)

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and

lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

Gradual Hymn: As the deer pants for the water

Second Reading

A reading from St Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians (6:13-15,17-20)

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ’s body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (1:35-42)

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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

Sermon

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 men 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: 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 always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Offertory Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
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 everliving God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection
he freed us from sin and death
and called us to the glory that has made us
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people set apart.

Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works

for you have called us out of darkness
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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
Blessed, blessed is he who comes
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:

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

The Lord has prepared a feast for me:
given wine in plenty for me to drink.

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

Communion Hymn: All to Jesus I surrender

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
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

Blessing

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

May God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and 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 have a Gospel to proclaim

The Angelus

God's call is mysterious;
it comes in the darkness of faith.
It is so fine, so subtle,
that it is only with the deepest silence within us
that we can hear it.
And yet nothing is surer or stronger,
nothing is so decisive and overpowering,
as that call.
This call is uninterrupted:
God is always calling us. Carlo Carretto

Candlemas
Ash Wednesday
Sunday 18th February

Friday 2nd Feb 7.30pm Mass
Wednesday 14th Feb 7.30pm Mass
1st Sunday Lent

Remember Fr Ian is called by God to serve the people of Wood Green so he is never too busy to talk to you should you need to.

At your service: Fr Ian Booth - 020 83513125 frianbooth@googlemail.com

Tuesday 16th January 2024
11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

Wednesday 17th January
12 noon Mass SMWG

Thursday 18th January
No Holy Hour for next 2 weeks

Friday 19th January
12 noon Mass SMWG

Saturday 20th January
Mass 12 noon St Michael's WG

Sunday 21st January
No 8.30 am this week. Sung Mass 10.30am with Sunday school



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

Denise Clarke, Bernice Kuye, Malicus Pownall, George Booth, Frances, Katie Kirkland, Bet, George Brown, Zarina, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Ray and Pam Bennett, Emmanuel Kuye, 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, Loiuse, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Evelyn Baker, Rita Thompson, Gabriel, Anna and Louis, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy, Mai Lee, Freddie Jones, Ester Fisher

for those who have died recently

Stephen Mann, Steve Linsey, Lyn Brown, Anita Atherley, Dorothy Begg

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

16th January	Sally Lewis, Eve McIntosh
17th January	Clydie Noel
19th January	Gary Cadogen, Mike Lazenby

St Michael's Candle:

Is burning in loving memory of Marlene NgYuTin

The Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Is burning for in loving memory of Tylemay Vythelingum

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:

Is burning in loving memory of

The flowers at St Michael's statue:

Given in Loving memory of

What can I do? How can I help? – Recently Fr Ian has been challenging us to see how, as a Church family, we can better serve the Lord and our community. If you pop into Church on a Saturday morning you will discover a hive of activity with cleaning, arranging flowers and some maintaining the gardens and Church grounds. It is a perfect example of the Church in action and we are grateful to those who serve the Church in this way.

BUT – you just knew there'd be a **BUT !!!**

There are many other areas of our Church life that need support and assistance and so we are appealing to you now to ask the Lord if you are being called to help in any of the following ways: -

- † **Help with Church cleaning**
- † **Help with Grass cutting and gardening**
- † **Help with accounts** – We are indebted to Derrick and Festus and the few that assist them after Mass on Sunday. It would be so helpful if a few others could help and give those who do it a break now and again.
- † **Lifts to and from Church** – If you drive to Church on Sunday's would you be willing and able to pick up and drop off others?
- † **Preparation of the reading rota** – Could you prepare the quarterly reading rota from home and email to Fr Ian for printing?
- † **Intercessor** - Could you lead the prayers in Church on a Sunday morning?