

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephes. 3.1-12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2.1-12



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Sunday 05 January 2020 The Epiphany



Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour
whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence
in your Son, the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

God as this new year dawns,
Let us give birth to what honours you,
Let us give life to what makes your goodness shine,
Let us give growth to your emerging
eternal world.
In the depths of our hearts let us cry,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*(Second part of Christine Sine's New Year prayer
<https://godspacelight.com/2014/12/31/a-prayer-for-new-year-2015/>)*

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READINGS FOR THIS MORNING:

Ephes. 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Celebrate Together

HYMNS: 35, 78, 354, 709

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

HYMNS: 244, 4, 400

PSALM: 98

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Hilary Brazier; Carol Green; Pam Mortley;

Those who have died: Harry Watson;

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Basil Crutchfield (2004); Boshra Hedayati (2001)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

NEXT SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020

11am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020

9.20am Funeral of Harry Watson at NE Surrey Crematorium

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2020

8.00pm Brass Group

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020

11am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group

-11.15am in the Hall

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020

8.00pm Brass Group



THE HEATING IN CHURCH Is out of action today due to a major gas leak in the boiler room. We are very thankful to Karen Chinn who first sounded the alarm when she was tidying up the greenery on New Years Eve and found the church smelling strongly of gas. David Simpson quickly alerted the emergency gas service who have made everything safe. Thank you to Karen & David for your swift action. An engineer is booked to repair the damaged pipe on Monday and we hope everything will soon be back to normal.

THANK YOU to everyone who worked very hard over the Christmas period. There are too many of you to name - but special thanks go to Karen Chinn, Rosie Hickson and Marion Thomas for the wonderfully imaginative display of greenery and poinsettias and to Bill Petch and others for the tree; to Pat Spencer and all the stewards/welcomers who worked so willingly; to the servers and communion assistants; to those who served refreshments, especially after the Carol Service; to the Thursday team for an enjoyable Christmas lunch; to Tom Theakston and all the musicians for a magnificent Carol Service; to our deputising organists for their work; to the church cleaning teams who kept everything neat and tidy; to those who delivered the Christmas leaflets; to David for all his extra work in making sure everything ran so smoothly - and to everyone else who played any part in what was a busy time of celebration this year. Thank you.

MICHAEL sends his thanks and warm wishes to everyone at Christ Church for a Holy and Happy 2020.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK Thank you to everyone who responded to the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal with such generosity. Three large collections have been taken to the Food Bank, including a lot of chocolate, and they are extremely grateful for your help in adding festive treats to the regular food parcels. Normal collections will start again in the new year. The Food Bank website lists their most urgent needs.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: The Christingle service raised £241.70 for the Children's Society (£175 in 2018). The Hollymount School service collection totalled £414 (£270 in 2018). Thank you to everyone who donated.

THE ADVENT FAIR raised £1175.95 (£967 in 2018). This is a truly magnificent amount and a record. Thank you to Tish and all who worked so hard. The money raised will go towards the Hall refurbishment project. Thank you.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH BY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD: We now have a card reader and if anyone wishes to donate to the Church by card then please see the Churchwarden, David Simpson, after the service. We would also be delighted if you wish to set up a monthly direct debit payment to the Church as this remains the best way to support Christ Church on a regular basis - David can help with this too.

CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP: We are planning to reopen on Wednesday 15 January 2020 9.30-11.15am for pre school children and their parents/carers in term time. In preparation for this:

1. Unwanted toys books dolls trikes etc in good condition would be much appreciated to supplement what we have already
2. We continue to look for adults of whatever age to help with running it on an occasional or regular basis for welcoming as well as putting equipment out and away or serving refreshments etc. Please contact Mair Rabagliati.

HARRY WATSON: The funeral is on **WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020 at 9.20am** at North East Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden Lane, Lower Morden Lane. Morden SM4 4NU. Donations are for the amenity fund of the Carter House residents. The funeral will be followed by an informal gathering at Lower Morden Garden Centre in Lower Morden where people can buy coffee and cakes. All will be warmly welcome to attend.

2020 CHURCH DIARIES are available for you to take. **No charge.**