

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

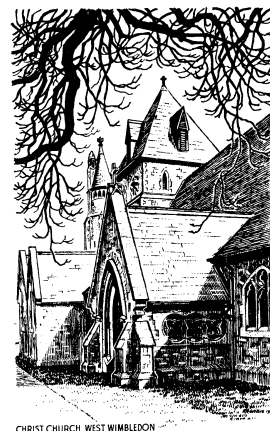
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.4–9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Matthew 4.1–11



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Sunday 1 March 2020
First Sunday of Lent



Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer that we may witness to your saving
love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the
true and living bread, and enable us to live by
every word that proceeds from out of your
mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Almighty God, on this special day
for the people of Wales,
we remember Saint David, your servant.
We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel
which helped to spread Christianity;
We give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life
which enabled his pursuit of Christian perfection;
We give thanks for his gentleness,
but clear spiritual leadership.
Grant that we may learn from him
and respond to the words that are thought
to be his last:
'Be steadfast, and do the little things';
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
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READINGS FOR THIS MORNING:

Phil. 4. 4-9; Matt. 4. 1-11

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

**10am Celebrate Together with Baptism
of Anderson Christopher Aylen**

HYMNS: 108, 141, 410, 26, 240

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Deut. 6. 4-9, 16-end. Luke 15/1-10

HYMNS: 173, 172, 64

PSALM: 50. 1-15

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Hilary Brazier; Judith Sanson; Joyce Smith; Sachin Shah.

Those who have died: Ursula Alldis;

Harry Watson and his family, as they hold his memorial service and bury his ashes on Sunday 8th March in Bermuda.

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Bryce Simpson; Arthur Harris (2006); Jessie Rushton (2003)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green—**SEE IMPORTANT NOTICE OPPOSITE!**

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

10.15am Finance Committee at 26 Spencer Hill

11am Morning Prayer

2pm + 8pm Lent Group (1) in the Truman Room

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group in the Hall

11.20am Funeral of Ursula Alldis at NE Surrey Crem

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

4pm-6pm Book Club at 3 Elm Walk

8pm Brass Group in Church

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

8pm World Day of Prayer Service at Christ Church—all welcome

NEXT SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

8am BCP Holy Communion

8.45am Choir Practice

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

11am Morning Prayer

2pm + 8pm Lent Group (2) in the Truman Room

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group in the Hall

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

8pm Brass Group in Church

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

6.30pm Barn Dance in Hall



LENT 2020 – once again there will be a Lent Course in Church. There will be two sessions each week for 5 weeks – on Tuesday afternoons (**2pm till 3.15pm**) and on Tuesday evenings (**8pm till 9.15pm**). The dates are: **March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**. Each week both sessions will follow the same material—so you are welcome to come along to whichever time and day suits you best – i.e. no need to come twice! This year we will following a course linking in to the Church of England Lent Campaign for 2020—**LIVE LENT: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION**. The course we will be following is part of the Sage Bible Studies and the topics to be covered are: **CREATION, STEWARDSHIP, FALL AND REDEMPTION, MONEY and LIFESTYLE**. Each week we will be studying and discussing Bible passages, and relating these to our care of God's world. Please sign the list at the back of the Church – **and please bring a Bible with you!**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY 6 MARCH—Praying for Zimbabwe. A service for everyone. "Rise! Take your mat and walk" **10.30am** Service at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9DB. **8.00pm** Service at Christ Church. Refreshments are served after each service. **ALL are welcome!**

St. PATRICK'S DAY BARN DANCE – taking place from 6.30pm onwards in the Hall on **SATURDAY 14 MARCH**. £15 a ticket includes hot dogs with delicious sausages, dancing with a caller and the children go free. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are coming.

LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION It's not too late to join the Christ Church 2020 Lenten Fast for Creation. Pick up a weekly plan leaflet at church and follow the actions each week to show you care for God's world this Lent. The Church of England has a focus on the environment for Lent and there are free booklets with more ideas at the back of church.

BOOK CLUB will meet on the **first Thursday** of the month and, as an experiment, we agreed to meet from 4 to 6pm. The next meeting on Thursday March 5 will be at 3 Elm Walk when we will discuss on Beauty by Zadie Smith. The meeting after that will be on Thursday 2 April when we will discuss Stanley and Elsie by Nicola Upson. Please note that new members are always welcome—do contact Lynda Coleman.

EARLY LIFT DRIVER REQUEST we are looking for a driver to help bring an early local passenger to church for choir practice around 8.30 to 8.45 am once a month. Please contact Hazel Bate 07962 811 990 if you can help.

MARMALADE Marion will be selling marmalade for the next 2 Sundays. It will be sold for a donation of around £2.75 per jar or £1.30 for a small one. Please bring a bag if you plan to buy several jars!

WE NEED at least 2 new volunteers to help with cleaning the Church to join one of our teams once a month. Can you spare an hour or so once a month? Please speak to Michael if you can help.

OUR ZIMBABWE LINK PARISH – the parish priest of St Francis Barham Green is visiting the Diocese, along with other colleagues, from March 23 for 2 weeks. Thank you to the 3 hosts who have offered accommodation for Fr Moffat and his wife. We would still welcome a few offers to have them for an evening or Sunday lunchtime meal during their stay so that they get to meet as many as possible. Their time with host parishes is pretty limited and so meals are going to be a good way of putting Moffat in touch with life at CCWW. There will also be the need for people to escort them to their meeting places in London and more locally during their stay, depending upon the planned programme. Can you offer to help? Please speak to Jenny Tomlinson or Michael, today.

HALL CAR PARK: Parking for the 10am Sunday service in the Hall car park and beside the coned off area on Copse Hill are reserved for drivers and passengers who have limited mobility and need to be close to church. Please would other drivers park elsewhere.

BACK GARDEN—please keep off the whole area while the turf beds down properly. Many thanks to those who are keeping the area watered.

TOILET TWINNING IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL The toilets in the hall have all been twinned with toilets in poor communities overseas through the Toilet Twinning scheme of the charity Tearfund. This was funded by a donation. Have a look at the certificates in the hall toilets to see where our twinned toilets are being built. There are leaflets at the back of church with more information on the scheme.

NIGHT SHELTER: Our local Salvation Army congregation are using their HQ in Kingston Road, Raynes Park as a venue for the Night Shelter in Merton. This will be on 7 consecutive Mondays, beginning on 9th March and concluding on 20th April. They write: "We have already had some commitments to volunteer, but would welcome more from our Churches Together Group. Looking particularly weak are the overnight slots and the Tuesday am breakfast slots. The timings are as follows: Monday evening slot: 6.30pm - 11pm (or part of this time) Overnight slot: 11pm - 7am. Tuesday breakfast slot: 7am - 9am. If you join us as a volunteer, then you will need to attend a short training session run by the Night Shelter. You do not need to sign up to every week of the 7, but you are welcome to do so. Please respond to Jill.grinsted@salvationarmy.org.uk

CORONAVIRUS: Simply as a precaution, all those involved in serving Communion will take extra care over hygiene at this current time when there is understandable concern about Coronavirus. There is no Government advice that suggests the use of the Common Cup should be suspended. As is always the case, any parishioners with coughs and sneezes should refrain from handshaking during the Peace. Intinction (dipping your wafer into the wine) is not recommended as this represents an infection transmission route. Please note that it is the Anglican teaching that receiving just a Communion wafer or just the wine from the Cup is regarded as having received the sacrament in its entirety.