

### A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

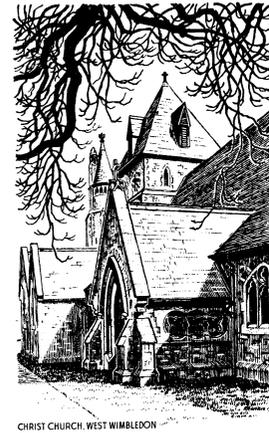
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2.22-40



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### Sunday 3 February 2019 Candlemas—Patronal Festival



#### Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and  
glory of Israel: make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father, your God,  
and our God. Amen.

#### Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and  
Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts  
beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Je-  
sus when he comes to bring us to eternal  
life; for he is alive and reigns, now and  
forever. Amen.

#### Green Prayer

Loving Father, who sent your Son  
to share the suffering of humanity,  
come close to all who have lost loved  
ones in earthquakes, floods, droughts,  
and other natural disasters,  
all who have become refugees  
and all who are suffering from the  
devastation of war. Uphold those who  
minister to their needs, and help us all  
to remember that in serving the least of  
your children we are serving you. Amen.

### Sunday 3 February 2019—Candlemas—Patronal Festival

#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

##### READINGS:

1 Cor. 13.

Luke 2. 22-40

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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1 Cor. 13.

Luke 2. 22-40

##### HYMNS

86, 60, 403, 183

#### 6.30pm BCP Evensong

##### READINGS:

1 Chron. 29. 6-19

Acts 7. 44-50

##### HYMNS

536, 93, 87

Psalms 34



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

Philip Catchpole; Ciora Smith; Grace Tapping; Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn

### Those who have died:

John, Sal's Dad; Winfrith Kendall.

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Jack Dabbs (1987), Celia Berwick (2014), Therese Whitworth (2005), Alastair Simpson (1999), Margaret Brazier (1994), Isaac Simons (2013)

### Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 5 February

11.00am Morning Prayer at the Vicarage

8.00pm Book Club, 3 Elm Walk

### Wednesday 6 February

2.30pm Stewardship Committee at Vicarage

7.30pm Bereavement Group, Truman Room

### Thursday 7 February

8.00pm Brass Group

### Friday 8 February

7.30pm Choir Practice

## NEXT SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY

### 4th Sunday before Lent

*Special collection for the church in Zimbabwe*

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

## NEXT WEEK

### Tuesday 12 February

11.00am Morning Prayer

### Thursday 14 February

8.00pm Brass Group

### Friday 15 February

7.30pm Choir Practice

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL—TODAY

For the Patronal and to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Church, we warmly welcome the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, the Very Reverend Andrew Nunn who is our preacher at the 10am service. There will be drinks and nibbles to celebrate.

**OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** Tom Theakston begins his work with us today. Welcome (back) Tom!

**MARMALADE** is on sale from today. Please remember to bring your cash and if you plan to buy several jars, a carrier bag. Thank you. Marion.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet **THIS** Tuesday at 3 Elm Walk to discuss "The Sixteen Trees of the Somme" by Lars Mytting. Copies of the questions are available on the table at the back of church.

**NEXT SUNDAY AT ALL SERVICES** there will be a special collection in blue envelopes which we will send to support the work of the church and clergy in Zimbabwe, our link diocese. Please bring your money next Sunday—and if you pay tax please gift aid your donation. Thank you.

## PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL SERVICE:

Following the recent series on Life Events held in December, there was some interest in a session being organised helping to make choices about a funeral service. Michael will therefore be leading a session on **WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY** – one at 2pm and one at 8pm. We will meet in the Truman Room. Please feel free to come to one or the other – but not both! It would be helpful if you could let Michael know if you plan to be there – his email is [ccww.vicar@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.vicar@gmail.com) or speak to him after a Sunday service. If this date is not convenient for you, do let Michael know and he can easily arrange a further session on another date.

**LENT COURSE 2019** will be held as last year on **TUESDAYS** at **2pm** and **8pm** in the Truman Room. Please feel free to come to one or the other session – but not both! **The dates are March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16.** We will be reflecting and studying the Gospels for the Sundays in Lent: reserve the dates now!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Praying for Slovenia. A service for everyone. "Come—Everything is Ready!" **10.30am** Service at St Saviour's Church, Grand Drive SW20 9DL. **8.00pm** Service at Wimbledon Congregational Church, 1 Fairlawn Road SW19 3QR. Refreshments are served after each service. Men, women & children Welcome! [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

## BARN DANCE—SATURDAY 16 MARCH at 6.30pm

Following the great success of Barn Dance last year, we are running our next one on St. Patrick's Day weekend starting at 6.30pm. It will have a green theme and will be called the Christ Church Ceilidh! All are welcome, kids 16 or under are free. Tickets are only £12.50. There is a list at the back of Church please can you let us know if you can make it.

**THE ELECTORAL ROLL** is the official list of those who are linked to membership of Christ Church. It is open to all who are baptised and over the age of 16 years of age and who regularly attend worship at Christ Church. There are obvious benefits for a church to have an accurate list of those who attend – and all those listed are eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This year a new Church electoral roll has to be prepared and **EVERYONE has to re-register**. If you wish to be included on the new roll you must complete and return an application form even if you were included on the old roll. Forms are available at the cross aisle and there is a box for completed application forms. The closing date will be **1 April**. However it would be helpful if completed forms could be submitted by **1 March** as, following that date, it will then be necessary to post a form to anyone on the old roll and living in the parish who has not yet submitted an application.

**WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** Please continue to support the foodbank by placing donations in the box at the back of church. Current urgent needs are for rice pudding, jam, long life milk, squash/juice, sugar and toilet paper.

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIPSUBSCRIPTIONS** The group subscription comes up for renewal very soon. If any current subscriber wants to change their order or anyone else wants to open a subscription, please contact Jenny Tomlinson.

**CHRISTIAN CARE FURNITURE PROJECT** are in need of the following items: (collection can be arranged if necessary) 2'6" / 75 cm divan bed; 3' dining tables for 4 (preferably dropleaf); bunk beds. Please contact: 020 3302 0181 (Office hours and answerphone) 9.30am to 2.00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 07932 628 840 (Mobile) or email: [christiancaremerton@gmail.com](mailto:christiancaremerton@gmail.com)

**NEW STREET PASTOR VOLUNTEERS** needed to patrol Mitcham, Morden or Wimbledon. Merton Street Pastors are seeking new volunteers to join their team and train as Street Pastors on the course commencing on Saturday 9th March. There are two 86% subsidised places available. Full details available on the website here, [www.streetpastors.org/locations/merton/play-your-part/join/](http://www.streetpastors.org/locations/merton/play-your-part/join/). Deadline is 28 February. Contact John Goddard on 07412 018 920 or [merton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:merton@streetpastors.org.uk). And if you've ever wondered what happens, get in touch now and arrange to come out with us one night to see for yourself.