

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

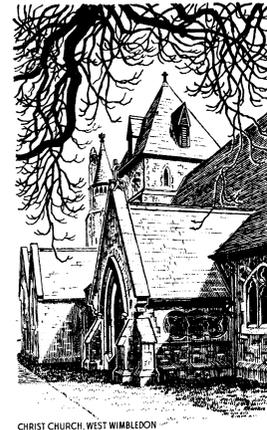
When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8.14–17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Luke 3.15–17, 21–22



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Sunday 13 January 2019
Baptism of Christ



Collect

Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

We thank you, dear Father, for the work of scientists and technologists who are striving to find solutions to the intractable problems of our time as we struggle to meet the challenges of global warming, feeding an ever-growing population and protecting the natural world. Amen.

Sunday 13 January 2019—Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Acts 8. 14-17
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Acts 8. 14-17
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

HYMNS

108, 105, 513, 416

11.45am Carter House Service

6.30pm Evening Prayer

READINGS:

Isaiah 61
Luke 2. 15-21

HYMNS

743, 129, 624
Psalm 46



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Philip Catchpole; Ciara Smith;

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Link Parish: The People of St Francis of Assisi,
Barham Green

THIS WEEK

Monday 14 January

8.00pm Resolve Course, Truman Room

8.00pm Junior Church Leaders at Tish's home

Tuesday 15 January

11.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Hall refurb working party

Thursday 17 January

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 18 January

7.30pm Choir Practice

7.30pm KFH at 274 Worple Road

NEXT SUNDAY 20 JANUARY

3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service,
at Lantern Methodist Church

NEXT WEEK

Monday 21 January

8.00pm Resolve Course, Truman Room

Tuesday 22 January

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm PCC Meeting, Truman Room

Thursday 24 January

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 25 January

10.00am Friday Group, Truman Room

7.30pm Choir Practice



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY falls between 18 and 25 January. The Churches Together in West Wimbledon Service will be held at **6.30pm on SUNDAY 20 JANUARY at the Lantern Methodist Church in Worple Road**. The theme of the service is Only Justice. All welcome.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL—SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY

For the Patronal this year and to celebrate the 160th Anniversary of Christ Church, we have the Dean of Southwark coming to preach at the 10am service. We plan to have drinks and nibbles after Church to celebrate. If you are willing to bring some nibbles, please can you sign the list at the back of Church.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A REASONABLY GOOD SPEAKING VOICE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ IN CHURCH?

We currently have some vacancies on the rota for lesson readers and leaders of our intercessions at the 10am service. Is this something you would like to do? Please let Michael know. He will also give some guidance and opportunity for practice beforehand.

THE CRIB IS STILL IN PLACE! WHY? You might think that Christmas ends when you take the Christmas decorations down - but it doesn't! In ancient tradition Christmas lasts until Candlemas, or the Feast of the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord, which is February 2nd. This marks the end of a long 40-day "Christmastide" that corresponded to the 40 days of Lent. On February 2nd the Church celebrates the day that Mary entered the temple with the Child Jesus when her days of purification after giving birth were fulfilled, according to the Mosaic law, and when Simeon made his well-known prophecy about Mary and the Child. It is historically called "Candle-mas" because of Simeon's prophecy of Jesus being a light for the Gentiles. Today it is better known as the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord – and is also the day when we celebrate the Christ Church patronal festival.

VISITING PREACHERS AT 10am: We look forward to welcoming the Reverend Richard Lane (Vicar from 2003 to 2016) who will preach on 27 January and then a week later the Dean of Southwark, the Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, will preach for our Patronal Festival on 3 February.

HARVEST COLLECTION in aid of the South London Refugee Association raised a total of £562.70 including Gift Aid. They have sent us their warm thanks.

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 ccwww.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.** The theme and materials to be studied will be announced in due course – but reserve the dates in your diaries now!

ADVENT FAIR raised £967.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE raised £175.16 of which £145 was gift aided

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone, including the Guides, who gave generously to our appeal. The food bank was very grateful to receive a car boot-full of supplies and Christmas treats from Christ Church. They will be giving out Christmas parcels during this week.

Please continue to support the food bank using the box at the back of church. In the New Year we will give an update on what is most needed.

MISSION PARTNER Do read the latest link letter sent by our Mission Partner Michael Green, working in Ipswich, which is pinned on the noticeboard beside the west door.