

## 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.

*Philippians 4.4–7*

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' 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.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Luke 3.7–18*



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**Sunday 16 December 2018**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**



### Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare  
the way of your Son: give us courage  
to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these  
heavenly gifts; kindly in us the fire of  
your Spirit that when your Christ comes  
again we may shine as lights before his  
face; who is alive and reigns now and  
for ever. Amen.

### Green Prayer

Loving Father, we cannot of ourselves  
bring about the changes in human  
behaviour that are now required of us  
if we are to meet the challenges  
climate change and pollution, but help  
us to start where we are. Make us  
honest and just in all our dealings,  
outspoken but wise in all our words and  
actions. We cannot alter the course of  
a suffering and unjust world, but help  
us to light candles in the darkness,  
in the Name of Jesus Christ, who came  
to bring light to our darkness. Amen.

**Sunday 16 December 2018—3rd Sunday of Advent**

### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

#### READINGS

Phil. 4. 4-7

Luke 3. 7-18

### 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church

Phil. 4. 4-7

Luke 3. 7-18

#### HYMNS

247, 117, 513, 612

### 6.30pm Evening Prayer

#### READINGS

Zeph. 3. 14-end

Luke 1. 57-end

#### HYMNS

93, 428, 612

Psalm 50. 1-6



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

Margaret Thornton; Val Hancock; Philip Catchpole; Ciora Smith;

Those who have died: Colin Holloway; Ritva Liversedge;

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

Peter Fleming (2002), Olive Clarke (2004), Dawn Stageman (2015)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 17 December

**Morning:** Hollymount School rehearsal, Church

**2.00pm** Advent Course 3, Truman Room

**8.00pm** Advent Course 3, Truman Room

#### Tuesday 18 December

**11.00am** Morning Prayer, Church

**2.00pm** Hollymount School Carol Service, Church

#### Wednesday 19 December

**11.00am** Funeral Service for Colin Holloway

#### Thursday 20 December

**8.00pm** Brass Group, Church

#### Friday 21 December

**7.30pm** Choir Practice

### NEXT SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

#### Advent 4

**8.00am** BCP Holy Communion

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

*3.00pm Carol Service Rehearsal*

**6.30pm** Festive Carol Service

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 24 December—CHRISTMAS EVE

**4.00pm** Family Crib Service

**11.30pm** Midnight Mass

#### Tuesday 25 December—CHRISTMAS DAY

**8.00am** BCP Holy Communion

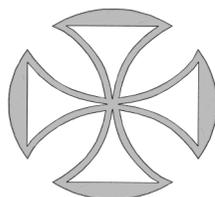
**10.00am** Christmas Eucharist

#### Thursday 27 December

*No Brass Group*

#### Friday 28 December

*No Choir Practice*



**COLIN HOLLOWAY**—as you will know Colin, a long standing and much respected member of Christ Church, died suddenly on 23 November at the age of 82. The funeral will take place on WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER at 11.00am at Christ Church followed by a reception at the Hotel du Vin, Cannizaro House, Westside Common. Family flowers only with donations for Christ Church. A limited amount of parking may be available at King's College School and at the hotel.

**ADVENT FAIR**—there are still some items for sale—last chance to browse and buy! Can we reach £1,000?!

**TODAY AND NEXT WEEK** there will be an extra collection for the work of **MERTON STREET PASTORS**, who go out on the streets of our local town centres on Friday and Saturday nights to support those who are in any kind of trouble while enjoying the night life. Please put your donations in the **BLUE** envelopes.

**THERE WILL BE A CAKE SALE AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE ON 23 December** to raise funds for one of our former Guides, Emily Bingham, who has signed up to climb Machu Picchu in order to raise life saving funds for Action Against Hunger, a charity that is helping to fight malnutrition all over the world.

**MINCE PIES** will be welcome for the 'after the service refreshments' at the Carol Service on 23 December at 6.30pm.

**HALL REFURBISHMENT:** the PCC have unanimously agreed to accept quotes for the creation of a new Parish Office in the back room of the Hall and to install new much more secure internal and external doors to enhance its appearance. We hope work will start in the New Year. A small working group is being establishing to help take this work forward. Our longer term plan includes improvement and refurbishment to the hall itself and to ensure it remains an integral part of the Church and its service to the community.

**MANY THANKS** from Michael to everyone who attended his Institution and Induction as Vicar last Sunday morning—and for the party afterwards!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE LEAFLETS**—please can you help by delivering a road (or two!) to advertise the services—just a few piles still remaining.

**RESOLVE** is a four week course which Michael is running on the four Monday evenings of January in the Truman Room. Aimed primarily at those who occasionally attend Church at Christmas, we will be exploring what it means to enact positive change in our lives. Topics include 'Looking after our bodies; strengthening our minds; inspiring our souls; deepening our relationships. It is possible there may be space for regular members of the congregation who would also like to attend. Please email Michael if you are interested—there are a limited number of places on the course.

**OFFERS OF HELP AT CHRISTMAS**—please sign the list in the cross aisle if you would like to read at our Christmas Services. We will also welcome servers, intercessors for the Christmas services. We also need a few more Stewards for the Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4pm—please speak to Pat Spencer.

### **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.

**NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED** on the anniversary of death—please check the name(s) on the list at the back of Church and add or amend where necessary. If adding a name please write clearly!