

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

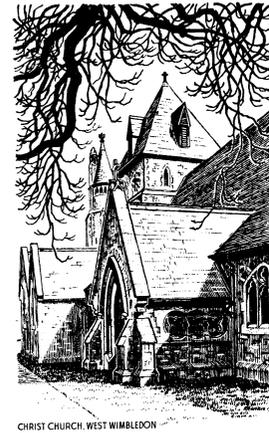
My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1.3–11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Luke 3.1–6



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Sunday 9 December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent



Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

Loving Father, you sent your Son to be a light to those who walk in darkness.

Enable us who have brought your creation, the land, the water, the creatures and our own selves to the edge of darkness, to see the new path that we must now tread, through the power of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday 9 December 2018—2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

Phil 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6

10.00am Parish Eucharist with the Institution of Reverend

Michael Burns as Vicar

Phil 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6

HYMNS

87, 524, 403, 399

4.00pm Christingle Service

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

Mal 3. 1-4

Luke 1. 1-25

HYMNS

141, 2, 701

Psalm 75



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

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

Those who have died: Colin Holloway

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Mary Quilter (2015)

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 10 December

2.00pm Advent Course 2, Truman Room

7.30pm Bereavement Group Meeting, Truman Room

8.00pm Advent Course 2, Church

Tuesday 11 December

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 13 December

8.00pm Brass Group, Church

Friday 14 December

12.45pm Christmas Lunch in the Hall

7.30pm KFH Christmas Party in the Hall

7.30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

Advent 3

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK

Monday 17 December

Morning: Hollymount School rehearsal in Church

2.00pm Advent Course 3, Truman Room

8.00pm Advent Course 3, Truman Room

Tuesday 18 December

11.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Hollymount Carol Service, Church

Wednesday 19 December

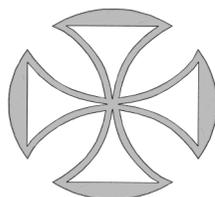
11.00am Funeral Service for Colin Holloway

Thursday 20 December

8.00pm Brass Group, Church

Friday 21 December

7.30pm Choir Practice



TODAY—we warmly welcome Richard, Bishop of Kingston who comes to institute Michael as Vicar. Prosecco and nibbles will be served after the service.

COLIN HOLLOWAY—as many of you 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. Family flowers only with donations for Christ Church. We pray for Angela, his family and many friends.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE LEAFLETS—please can you help by delivering a road (or two!) to advertise the services?

MANY THANKS to Tish, the Social Committee and everyone who worked hard at the Advent Fair last Sunday. It was a great morning—lots of things still to buy.

MANY THANKS to the Junior Church leaders and all our talented young people who performed last Sunday's Nativity Play—a great success. Thank you.

MANY THANKS to those who brought some wonderful toys last Sunday—they will be taken tomorrow to enable families in need to have a good Christmas.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 14th DECEMBER

The Together on Thursdays team will be holding a parish Christmas lunch on **Friday 14th December** in the hall, at 12.15 for 12.45 with carols after lunch. Please note this is Friday not Thursday!! Everyone is welcome. We need to know numbers for catering, so if you would like to come, please sign your name on the list at the back of church and indicate if you will need a lift.

WIMBLETON CHAMBER CHOIR are singing Britten's A Ceremony of Carols and other seasonal music on **Saturday 15 December** at St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions).

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

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.

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!

WIMBLETON FOOD BANK would welcome the following items: Sugar, Toilet paper, Rice, Tinned fruit, Tinned custard, Ketchup. At Christmas they also like to include treats in the food parcels such as chocolates and biscuits. Items can be left in the box under the table at the back of the church. Thank you. For further details speak to Jenny Tomlinson.

ADVENT 2018 – Michael is leading a short three week course during the **Mondays** of Advent, held from **2.00pm to 3.15pm and 8.00pm to 9.15pm on 10 and 17 December** in the Truman Room. We will be exploring **LIFE EVENTS**: Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals (in that order!) Do come along, even if you weren't able to join us last Monday.

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.

OUR RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES and Leaders are asking for your support. Highways England have plans to improve the M25 junction 10 and widen the A3 which will involve putting a two way public road through our campsite – severing it in two and causing serious safeguarding issues and loss of land. Please sign our petition <https://www.change.org/p/highways-england-help-keep-heyswood-campsite-safe> and express your concerns against the proposal email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk or write to: FREEPOST, M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange. Closing date; 14/12/18

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 established 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.