

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

2 Thessalonians 3.6–13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

Luke 21. 5-19



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Sunday 17 November 2019
Second Sunday before Advent



Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Help us, Father, so to deal with the things that we possess that they may never possess us. May we so order our lifestyle that we may tread lightly on your earth. May all the good things that you have entrusted to us be used in your service and for the glory of your Kingdom. **Amen.**

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READINGS FOR THIS MORNING:

2 Thess. 3.6-13; Luke 21. 5-19

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

8.45am Choir Practice

10am Parish Eucharist

HYMNS: 93, 369, 61, 401

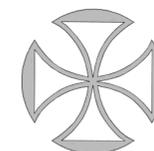
6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Dan 6; Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

HYMNS: 634, 630, 661

PSALM: 93



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Harry Watson; Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Judy Luddington;

Those who have died: Jennifer Holman; Josephine Bone; Margaret Tatham; Maire Mayhew.

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Geraldine Wootton (1998), Colin Holloway (2018)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

Tuesday 19 NOVEMBER

11am Morning Prayer

11.30am Bruno Bear Leaders, Truman Room

8pm Social Committee Meeting

8pm Eco Committee Meeting, Truman Room

Wednesday 20 November

10am to Refugee Training in the

4pm Truman Room (Lunch provided)

Thursday 21 NOVEMBER

8pm Brass Group

NEXT WEEK

NEXT SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

8am BCP Holy Communion

8.45am Choir Practice

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

Tuesday 26 NOVEMBER

11am Morning Prayer

Thursday 28 NOVEMBER

3pm Together on Thursday Trip to the Squires Garden Centre

8pm Brass Group

Friday 29 NOVEMBER

7.30pm KFH, Hall



COMING UP ON ADVENT SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER: 10am Toy Sunday—please bring new toys and games for those who otherwise would receive nothing at Christmas followed by **THE ADVENT FAIR at 11am:** We would be grateful for contributions to the Home Produce stall, Raffle prizes, and anything 'brand new' for the 'regal' stall. There will also be a plant stall, the children's corner, Traidcraft of course, and the wonderful KFH stall selling goodies. Mulled wine and snacks will also be available! All are welcome so do invite your friends.

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH: Next meeting is in the Truman Room from 8 - 9.30pm on **TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER.** A group to promote caring for God's earth and working towards an Eco Church Award. Please come along if you're interested or contact Lucy Christie to find out more or if you want to get involved but can't come to the meeting. 8540 9862 or lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk
More information at www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk

ONE NEW ECO-IDEA IS A COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD—large sheets of paper will appear in December and the idea is that you write a message to everyone in the church. Obviously you can still decide to send individual cards if you wish but this is just one simple idea to be kind to the planet and still be friendly to your friends in the congregation!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR THE FOODBANK: This is a new idea which Julie Ashbee has discovered and has suggested that we might adopt during Advent (which begins on 1st December). Instead of opening a box every day and taking something out of an Advent calendar, you put items that the Wimbledon Foodbank needs into a bag. Because the Foodbank aim to give out extra 'treat' parcels just before Christmas they would welcome the following to be brought to Church by **15 December:** chocolates, selection boxes of biscuits, boxes of crackers/cheesy crackers (edible ones!) and children's packs of five chocolates in a box. Some are a bit expensive for donating on a daily Advent calendar basis, but if people did gifts just once or twice a week that would mount up well. The weekly website request is currently for jam and juice, both of which could also be appropriate for Christmas. You might also consider using the Traidcraft stall when buying Food Bank treats. After 15 December you can keep collecting other items which can then be brought to Church in January (the Foodbank closes at Christmas). Thank you.

CHRISTMAS AND EASTER LEAFLET DELIVERIES: We need a few new volunteers to deliver leaflets in some of the roads in the parish. We try to deliver a leaflet to every house advertising our Christmas and Easter Services. Lucy Christie has a list of those roads which need deliverers. Could you help? Please don't be afraid to approach Lucy to offer your help. Thank you.

BRUNO BEAR, the former Mother and Toddler Group—we would like to start this up again meeting on Wednesday mornings in term time. However we need a committed adult leadership group—of whatever age—to run it every week in term time. We will hold an exploratory meeting in the Truman Room on **Tuesday 19 November at 11.30am.** Please come along to help us discuss this project. If you can't attend but would like to help on Wednesday mornings please give your name to Michael.

THE NEXT THURSDAY TOGETHER EVENT will be on **Thursday 28 November** when we will be going to the Squires Garden Centre in Thames Ditton for tea and some Christmas shopping. Do sign the list if you plan to come along so that we can organise lifts.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH The Together on Thursdays team will be holding a Christmas lunch in the church hall on **Thursday 19 December.** More details will follow, but please save the date.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL is now fully stocked for a Fair Trade Christmas. We have Advent calendars and candles as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper; Christmas chocolates, decorations and gifts alongside our usual teas, coffees & groceries. We're happy to take orders for Christmas cards and other items in the catalogue.

REFUGEE FAMILY PLEDGES are still welcome: Please collect an explanatory letter—they are bright yellow—and place your response in the red box in the cross aisle.

REAR GARDEN BEHIND THE HALL remains something of a jungle despite the valiant efforts of our gardeners over the years. Because it is an important part of Christ Church we have employed a contractor to carry out extensive work to clear the weeds, level the plot as far as is possible, lay a new lawn and path and create some new borders. The work will cost in excess of £15,000. We are also planning to refurbish the garden seat and canopy at an extra cost. We have some donations already promised towards the total but we would welcome further donations which can either be anonymous or in memory of a loved one. Can you speak to Michael or drop him a line as soon as possible? The PCC has agreed to the work starting and you will see some progress soon (weather permitting). Thank you.

2020 CHURCH DIARIES—we are hopeful that these will arrive soon. The company that supplied the diary last year has gone into liquidation and the new company are in the process of securing advertising to cover the cost. Watch this space!

A STUDY COURSE ON ACTS takes place on the first 3 Mondays of Advent starting on December 2 and then on the first 3 Tuesdays of February starting on February 4. Intrigued? Then please collect a leaflet from the table at the back of the church and sign the list if you plan to attend.

KCS GARDENING TEAM - The KCS gardening team have been busy. If anyone is going to the tip over the next week, would you please be able to take a couple of bags of leaves with you from the side of the church hall. Thanks so much.