

## A reading of Paul to the Romans

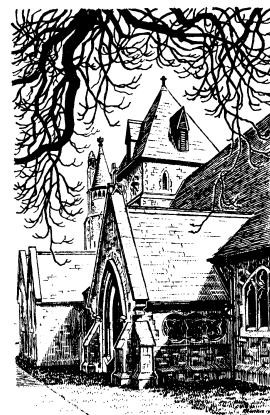
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Romans 13. 11-end*

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*Matthew 24. 36-44*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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**Sunday 1 December 2019**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



### Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawn,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful  
and keep us faithful as we await  
the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear, he may not  
find us sleeping in sin but active  
in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Green Prayer

Grant us, Father, a new vision of your  
world: A world of justice where the costs  
of climate change will be equitably shared  
between nations;

A world of plenty where sufficient food  
and water will be available to all;

A world of fairness, where success is  
founded on service, and honour is given  
to integrity alone;

A world of peace, where order shall not  
rest on force, but on the love of all for this  
wonderful world which we all share. **Amen.**

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### READINGS FOR THIS MORNING:

Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**8.45am Choir Practice**

**10am Parish Eucharist**

**HYMNS: 399, 51, 249, 401**

**Do stay on for the Advent Fair**

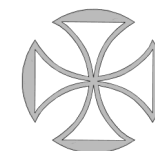
**6.30pm BCP Evensong**

### READINGS:

Isaiah 52.1-12; Matthew 24.15-28

**HYMNS: 399, 565, 247**

**PSALM: 9.1-8**



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:** Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Hilary Brazier;

**Those who have died:** Harry Watson; Joan Newell;

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

Caroline Christie (2006), Richard Allen (2005)

**Link Parish** of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

### Monday 2 DECEMBER

**2pm-3pm** Advent Course on Acts (1)

or **8pm-9pm** Truman Room

### Tuesday 3 DECEMBER

**11am** Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 4 DECEMBER

**8pm** Refugee Planning Group at Vicarage

### Thursday 5 DECEMBER

**8pm** Brass Group

### Friday 6 DECEMBER

**3.30pm on** MyRaynesPark Christmas Festival

### Saturday 7 DECEMBER

**12noon-3pm** Hollymount School Christmas Fair

### NEXT SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER: ADVENT 1

**8am BCP Holy Communion**

*8.45am Choir Practice*

**10am Parish Eucharist**

*3.00pm Nativity Play Rehearsal*

**4.00pm Christingle Service**

**6.30pm BCP Evensong**

### Monday 9 DECEMBER

**2pm-3pm** Advent Course on Acts (2)

or **8pm-9pm** Truman Room

### Tuesday 10 DECEMBER

**11am** Morning Prayer

**8pm** Election Hustings at

Holy Trinity, The Broadway,

Wimbledon—all welcome

### Thursday 12 DECEMBER

**8pm** Brass Group

### Friday 13 DECEMBER

**7.30pm** KFH Party



**TODAY IS TOY SUNDAY**—thank you for bringing new toys and games for those who otherwise would receive nothing at Christmas. If you have forgotten we can still take them next Sunday. **DO STAY FOR THE ADVENT FAIR!**

**WARM CONGRATULATIONS** to Fred and Alice Campbell-Hollis on the safe arrival of Billy on November 24!

**OUR GOOD FRIEND HARRY WATSON** died peacefully recently. Thank you to Hazel Bate and all his Christ Church friends who have visited and cared for Harry over the years and particularly in these past months. Funeral arrangements will be announced when they are known.

**CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY** Thank you very much to everyone who contributed. Remaining items for collection are on top of the Traidcraft cupboards. Please collect your items now.

**A STUDY COURSE ON ACTS** takes place on the first 3 Mondays of Advent starting tomorrow, 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.

**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. 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. **THE CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS WILL BE IN CHURCH ON DECEMBER 8th FOR COLLECTION AND DELIVERY.**

**CHRISTMAS HELP**—please sign the lists in the cross aisle if you would like to read, lead prayers or serve at Christmas. **Pat Spencer would also welcome a few more volunteers to steward at some of the special Christmas services.**

**RAYNES PARK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** takes place on Friday 6 December from 3.30 to 6.30pm outside the station entrance. There will be choirs singing and Father Christmas attending. The Mayor will be there at 5pm.

**COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD:** An ECO IDEA. There'll be a giant card displayed at the back of church from 1st December. You can write your Christmas message to everyone in the church. If you like, the money saved on cards can be donated to a charity you're supporting this Christmas. 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!

**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.

**CHARITIES** supported by our Christmas Service Collections Merton Faith in Action and Christian CARE Association will receive 50% of our Christmas collections this year. **Merton Faith in Action** runs a Homeless Drop In Centre every Wednesday and Friday providing meals, shower & laundry facilities, clothing & food parcels, internet access and support with applications for jobs, housing & benefits and help with accessing other local services. **Christian CARE Association** offers help to people in Merton with befrienders who can listen & support at times of crisis; they provide food and household essentials, baby essentials, children's clothes, including some school uniform and second hand furniture for families in need. They also organise an annual party and summer outing and arrange for some children to attend summer camps.

**BRUNO BEAR TODDLER GROUP:** We are planning to reopen on Wednesday 15 January 2020 9.30-11.15 for pre school children and their parents/carers in term time. In preparation for this:

1. At some point we will be cleaning and checking toys under the stage in the Hall. Volunteers to help clean would be very welcome
2. Unwanted toys books dolls trikes etc in good condition would be much appreciated to supplement what we have already
3. We continue to look for adults of whatever age to help with running it on an occasional or regular basis for welcoming as well as putting equipment out and away or serving refreshments etc Please contact Mair Rabagliati for more info

**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!

**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.