

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).' When Christ said, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10.5–10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Luke 1.39–45



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Sunday 23 December 2018
4th Sunday of Advent



Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

Lord Jesus, the carpenter,
help us not to be afraid
to get our hands dirty
as we work in your Name.
Challenge us every day
to care for your world,
and always to work gently
for it.
Amen.

Sunday 23 December 2018—4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Heb. 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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HYMNS

469, 60, 733, 318

*4.00pm Carol Service
Rehearsal*

6.30pm Festive Carol Service

followed by mulled
wine and mince pies



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:

Richard Thurgood (2010); Vanessa Shepherd-Walwyn;

Siàn Edmunds (2009)

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

THIS 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 Parish Eucharist

Thursday 27 December

No Brass Group

Friday 28 December

Parish Office closed until 7 January

No Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER

Christmas 1

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Parish Office closed until 7 January

Tuesday 1 January 2019

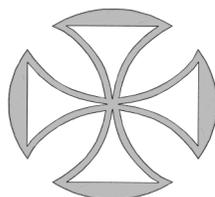
No Morning Prayer

Thursday 3 January

No Brass Group

Friday 4 January

No Choir Practice



TODAY 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 TODAY to raise funds for a former Guide, Emily Bingham, who has signed up to climb Machu Picchu 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 refreshments after the Carol Service **TONIGHT**.

ADVENT FAIR—many thanks to Tish and all the Social Committee for organising a very enjoyable event. The final total is likely to be a shade under £1,000—a great result!

10.00am SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

There are paper puzzles and craft activities in the Truman Room for children up to 12 years old. Please help yourself at any time during the service.

HALL REFURBISHMENT: the PCC have accepted 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. The work will start in mid-January. 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.

HOLLYMOUNT SCHOOL raised £270.28 at their recent concert in Church for church funds.

MANY THANKS to Jenny Tomlinson and everyone from the Together on Thursday group who organised a very enjoyable Christmas lunch last Friday. A great time was had by all!

COLIN HOLLOWAY—many thanks to all who helped with the organisation of Colin's funeral—particularly to Julie and David. Copies of the Order of Service are available in the cross aisle for anyone who would like one.

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.

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!

PEACE SERVICE Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group invite you to a Peace Service on Tuesday 1st January, 7.30pm, at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9DB. All welcome!