

### A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*1 Cor. 1.10-18*

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Matthew 4.12-23*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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**Sunday 26 January 2020**  
**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**



#### Collect

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news  
to the poor, release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free to praise you  
in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people, illumined by your word  
and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped,  
and obeyed to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

#### Green Prayer

Lord, you have given us  
this beautiful world,  
yet in our greed  
we are robbing future generations,  
poisoning your world  
and destroying many of your creatures.  
Help us, Lord, to come to our senses,  
to realise that we interfere  
with your world at our peril,  
for it is your hand, not ours,  
that rules the world,  
for you created the universe  
and we are here as your stewards. **Amen.**

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#### READINGS FOR THIS MORNING:

1 Cor. 1. 10-18; Matthew 4. 12-23

#### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

**10am Parish Eucharist with  
Baptism of Rose Imrie and  
welcome to Mila Daffue.**

**HYMNS:** 144, 290, 410, 26, 510

*1.30am-12.30pm RSPB Bird  
Watch, in Parish Office*

#### 6.30pm BCP Evensong

#### READINGS:

Eccles. 3. 1-11; 1 Peter 1. 3-12

**HYMNS:** 108, 333, 589

**PSALM:** 33. 1-12

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**Those who have died:**

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:** Bruce Mousell (2009); John Titterington (2019); Frank Smith (1989); Keith Harrison (2015); Jean Harrison (2017)

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

### MONDAY 27 JANUARY

8pm PCC Meeting in the Truman Room

### TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

11am Morning Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group

-11.15am in Hall

8pm Eco Group Meeting in Truman Room

### THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

3pm Together on Thursday Tea in Hall

8pm Social Committee meeting

8pm Brass Group in Church

### NEXT SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020

#### Candlemas—PATRONAL FESTIVAL

*SPECIAL CHARITABLE COLLECTION TODAY IN AID OF  
THE MONDON FOUNDATION KALIMPONG*

**8am BCP Holy Communion**

*8.45am Choir Practice*

**10am Parish Eucharist + Junior Church**

**followed by**

**'My Himalayan Adventures' talk by Mark Adams in the**

**Hall—all welcome—refreshments and cake**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

### TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

11am Morning Prayer

2pm + 8pm Study Group on Acts (1) in Truman Room

### WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group

-11.15am in Hall

### THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

8pm Brass Group in Church

**TODAY! RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2020 at Christ Church at 11.30 – 12.30** in the Parish Office. As part of our Eco Church commitment we will be taking part of this national survey of garden birds. We hope our garden will be even more bird-friendly by next year so this will act as a baseline. Could you join the small group who will look out for, identify and count birds – no expertise needed. Alternatively, sign up to bird watch in your own garden

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> It would be helpful if you could let Lucy Christie know if you'll be joining the group or doing your own survey at home but please feel free to drop in this morning after the 10am service

**TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA** in the Hall this **THURSDAY 30 JANUARY at 3pm**. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like a lift. All welcome!

**NEXT SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY—CANDLEMAS** is our Patronal Festival when we give especial thanks for our Church. After the 10am service, **MARK ADAMS** will be giving a talk '**MY HIMALAYAN ADVENTURES**'. No charge but donations both at our 10am service and after the talk will be for the Mondon Foundation Kalimpong, the charity Mark represented in India and for which he is a trustee. See the yellow leaflets for details.

**ENTER THE DESERT – A PRE-LENT QUIET DAY.** You are invited by the Merton Spiritual Formation Group, on **SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY**, 10am-3pm, at St Peter & St Paul, Mitcham Parish Church. The desert was a place where Jesus came close to God. Come and explore what the desert might mean for you through worship, readings, prayer and silence. No need to book, just come along! See flier & poster for further details.

**St. PATRICK'S DAY BARN DANCE** – taking place from 6.30pm onwards in the Hall on **SATURDAY 14 MARCH**. £15 a ticket includes hot dogs with delicious sausages, dancing with a caller and the children go free. We really hope you can make it. Please sign the list at the back of church to let us know if you are coming.

**CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP** continues to meet on Wednesdays 9.30-11.15am for pre school children and their parents/carers in term time. We will welcome help in putting out the equipment on an occasional or regular basis. Please contact Mair Rabagliati.

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL** Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall over the last year. Together we bought almost £2,000 of fairly traded goods which has supported producers in the developing world – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. Huge thanks to our apprentice helpers for their enthusiasm and innovation. We made a small profit and we paid £273.60 to World Vision as our sponsorship of Khady Dione and her community in Senegal. Khady is 19 years old and attends school and her Mbella community benefits from healthcare and sanitation projects. Please continue to buy fair trade goods and remember we can also take orders for items in the catalogue. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian, Lucy and our young helpers.

**WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** Thank you to everyone who responded to the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal with such generosity. Three large collections have been taken to the Food Bank, including a lot of chocolate, and they are extremely grateful for your help in adding festive treats to the regular food parcels. Normal collections have started again The Food Bank website lists their most urgent needs.

**WE URGENTLY NEED** at least 2 new volunteers to help with cleaning the Church once a month on **MONDAY MORNINGS at 9am**. Can you spare an hour or so once a month? Please speak to Michael or Liz Errington if you can help.

**IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN** there is a pile of plates, tins and sundry trays etc that have been left from past events and are in the way! Do any belong to you? Please claim now as any remaining will be disposed of at the end of the month! You have been warned.

**JUNIOR CHURCH DATES**—parents please collect a blue sheet of paper giving details of this term's activities and meeting dates.