

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Hebrews 2.14–18*

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Luke 2.22–40*



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## SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022 CANDLEMAS and PATRONAL FESTIVAL



### Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, I  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope  
of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received  
these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus  
when he comes to bring us to eternal  
life; for he is alive and reigns,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

#### READINGS

Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

**8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Eucharist**

**+ Junior Church**

**HYMNS**: 87, 141, 554, 416

### Green Prayer

Dear motherly fatherly God,  
our creator and sustainer,  
your word made flesh urges us  
to consider the wild lilies  
and to consider the wild birds,  
all in their freedom from busy clutter:  
May your Spirit prompt our shame  
at our grabbing and getting,  
and free us from our  
disastrous greed for stuff.  
For the sake of the wise divine love  
into which you draw us.  
**Amen.**

### SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

**6.30pm Sung Evensong (BPC)**

#### READINGS

Haggai 2.1-9; John 2.18-22

**HYMNS**: 139, 108, 688 Psalm 132

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

Michael Green; Nick Coke; Simon Kimber;

### Those who have died:

### Those whose anniversary of death falls at

**this time:** Keith Harrison (2015); Jean Harrison (2017); James Hannaford (2021); Jack Dabbs (1987); Tony Hollis (2021); Celia Berwick (2014);

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

### THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 1 February

8pm Resettlement Leadership Group at Vicarage

#### Wednesday 2 February

10-12 noon Quiet Prayer in church

### SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY

#### 4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Celebrate Together Service

followed by celebratory drinks

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL COLLECTION** at services **TODAY** will be for the **SOUTH LONDON REFUGEE ASSOCIATION**. Blue giving envelopes will be available in the pews for your cash donations. SLRA is a front line community organisation providing specialist advice and support to refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants who are at risk or in crisis. It has been working in South London since 1991 and is a well regarded and trusted local service. Thank you.

**TODAY: RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** from **11.15am – 12.15pm**. As part of our Eco Church commitment we will take part in this national survey of garden birds. Could you join the small group who will look out for, identify and count birds – no expertise needed. We'll have a base in the Parish Office but mainly be outside.

**SALE OF MARMALADE:** Marmalade will be on sale each week. Marion Stewart will bring a few jars up for those who want to buy a jar or two. For those who usually buy upwards of 6 jars she asks that you to come to her house to collect them by arrangement. Please get in touch with her. The price per jar will be £3 and for a small jar £1.50.

**HAVE YOU EVER MET THE QUEEN?!** Next Sunday, 6 February, is the exact day when, 70 years ago, Her Majesty the Queen acceded to the throne on the death of her father, King George 6. If you have ever met the Queen it would be good if you would be willing to let Michael know by email—and even better if you might be willing to speak very briefly at next Sunday morning's 10am service—though this is not compulsory! For the children, the task is: 'Imagine you could be the Queen (or King) for the day—what would you want to do, perhaps to change something in our world of today for the better?!' Don't be shy about emailing Michael: [ccww.vicar@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.vicar@gmail.com)

**FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH:** If you wish to contribute via your bank, the details of our CAF bank account, in the name of **The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon**, are **Sort code: 40-52-40** and **Account number: 00029176**. Please can you put your name in the reference. Cheques can also be made payable to **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon** and sent to **Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2, Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ**. Please note you must put in the full name of the account if you are setting up an online payment with your bank: **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon**



**COVID-19:** At the time of writing, we do not know what the relaxing of regulations on 27 January will entail for churches. On past performance we will probably get an update from the Diocese late on Friday night!! Michael will outline changes as soon as he is able. In the meantime, current government guidance dictates that everyone **must** wear a face covering over their mouth and nose, unless medically exempt. Please be aware of giving space to others. Remember—if you do develop any Covid symptoms, please remain at home.

**THE NEXT TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA** is planned for **Thursday 24 February at 3pm**, subject to confirmation nearer the time.

**HELP NEEDED WITH RUNNING THE HALL:** A number of people in the congregation already do various jobs to help run the hall which is now fully open again. However, the hall needs a couple of extra openers/closers for children parties at the weekends every 10 or 11 weeks. The hall also needs someone to wash and dry towels and tablecloths on a regular basis. The hall also needs someone to give help with general management and marketing on an occasional basis. Please talk to Angelina Skelton or Stefan Bown or email them on [ccsw20hall@gmail.com](mailto:ccsw20hall@gmail.com)

### WEDNESDAYS AT 8 DURING LENT 2022

**ASH WEDNESDAY—8pm** Sung Eucharist on **2 March** with the option of receiving ashes.

**LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH—WEDNESDAYS AT 8:** On the **WEDNESDAY** evenings of **Lent at 8pm** in church there will be the opportunity to come together to join in the ancient Office of Compline and then Michael will be reading a meditative chapter each week of an 8-part book by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, called '*The Things He Carried*': *A Journey to the Cross*. Each evening will last for no longer than around 45 minutes It is hoped that this departure from our usual pattern of a Lent Course will be a welcome change in these continuing uncertain times. The dates are **March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6**—and the final three chapters will follow the saying of Compline on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week—**11, 12 and 13 April at 8pm**. All will be welcome. Booking not necessary.