

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

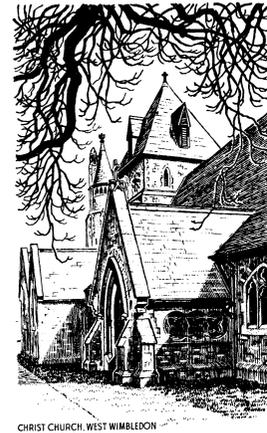
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

Acts 19.1–7

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1.4–11



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SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021

Baptism of Christ



Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan
you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be
your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus
your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work
of our rebirth through the waters
of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP) IN CHURCH

10am Parish Eucharist ON ZOOM

(Collect above and Readings overleaf)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) CANCELLED

Green Prayer

We thank you, dear Lord,
for the work of scientists
and technologists who are striving to
find solutions to the intractable
problems of our time as we struggle to
meet the challenges of climate change,
feeding an ever-growing population
and protecting the natural world.

Amen.



EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

**10am-12 noon Church open for quiet
prayer - all welcome**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Brian Rocksborough Smith; Sachin Shah;

Those who have died: Sarah Parr; Gertrud Edith Bown;

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Boshra Hedayati (2001)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY:

Church open from 10am to 12 noon for quiet prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021: Epiphany 2

8am Holy Communion (BCP) IN CHURCH

10am Morning Service ON ZOOM

6.30pm CANCELLED



LOCKDOWN 3: You will all now know that our Sunday pattern of services is as follows until further notice:

8am—said Holy Communion **in church** (*Book of Common Prayer. Face coverings are mandatory*).

10am—Morning Service with hymns **online by Zoom**

6.30pm—Evening Prayer is temporarily **suspended**
In addition the church will be open each **Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon** for quiet prayer.

If you need any help, please do contact Michael Burns.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. If you wish to contribute via your bank, particularly during the current lockdown, the details of our CAF bank account, in the name of The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon, are:

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00029176

Cheques can also be made payable to **PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ**. If you require any further help, please contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman

BELATED THANKS to the Coulber family—Dunstan, Eleanor, Austin, Robin and Iris—for recording part of a prayer put together by Churches Together in West Wimbledon and broadcast on Christmas Day.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK—the items they are most in need of this week are Sugar - 500g; Rice - 500g/1kg bags; Noodles (instant and to cook); Baked beans/spaghetti; Instant Mash; Tinned tomatoes or pasta/curry sauce; Tinned veg/pulses/fruit; Tinned meat/fish; Tinned rice pudding/custard; Long life squash; Jam; Ketchup/bottle sauce; Chocolate/crisps/snacks; Biscuits (sweet or savoury); Cereal. **They can be left on the doorstep of 31 Somerset Avenue or in the parcel box of the porch of 46 Pepys Road or in church. Thank you.** Financial donations are always welcome.

<https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Cheques payable to **Wimbledon Foodbank** to Elim Pentecostal Church, 76 Kingston Road, London SW19 1LA

JOHN DAVEY, OUR TREASURER WRITES: On Saturday 20 December it was decided to cancel the Christ Church service of lessons and carols because of the announcement of Tier 4 restrictions. This service had been arranged with outside musical support at a cost. It is also an event which is usually well attended and raises funds. The parish has therefore incurred a significant loss because of the cancellation. The festival of carols is widely popular in Christ Church and around the country. A festival of nine lessons and carols was planned by the Dean of Kings College Cambridge Eric Milner-White and first held in 1919. Milner White returned from the First World War in which he had been a military chaplain. The service was partly in memory of those who died. It chronicles through the list of lessons from the Bible both New and Old Testament, the story of Jesus. The first radio broadcast was in 1926 and the first television recording in 1954. In order to cover the loss to the Parish, we are asking you to help by us by contributing **£20** or such amount as you feel is appropriate. This can be done online. John adds: **“A thank you to those who contributed to the appeal to cover the losses because of the cancellation at short notice of the carol service planned for 20 December. The church has been helped by the thoughtful giving”**.

YOU CAN NOW MAKE CARD PAYMENTS TO CHURCH FUNDS: You select the amount you wish to donate (£5, £10 or £20) or you can choose your own figure—and then either tap the white device for contactless payments up to £45 or insert your debit card and tap in your PIN. This will be available at the Sunday 8am Service and on Wednesday mornings.

A PRAYER for those who can't take much more:

May we each find the momentum to keep going;
may we each find the words and actions
to encourage and uphold one another;
may we each find a sense of peace
even in the midst of uncertainty and grief.

Amen.