

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9.2-9



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SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday before Lent



Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021

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

10am Morning Service on ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) **SUSPENDED**

Green Prayer

May our loving God,
who created the world and all that is in it,
Inspire us to delight in our beautiful home,
And to live in wonder, peace and joy.
May our living God keep our hearts
turned to loving our neighbour
and to respecting the creation we share.
May our merciful God help us
to live this week in goodness and hope,
And fill us with God's peace.
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; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah; David Simpson; Tony Stokes;

Those who have died: Tony and Margaret Hollis (Kate Tasch's parents); James Hannaford (Sarah's Father).

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Irene Mills (2008)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Church open from 10am to 12 noon

8pm ASH WEDNESDAY Service on Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021 (Lent 1):

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

10am Morning Service ON ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer **SUSPENDED**

LOCKDOWN 3: Along with the vast majority of places of worship nationwide we have now voluntarily closed for worship; our Sunday pattern is as follows:

8am—Holy Communion is **suspended**

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

6.30pm—Evening Prayer is **suspended**

However the church building will be open each **Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon** for prayer.

If you need any help or assistance during this time please do contact Michael Burns.

QUIZ NIGHT—Quizmeister Mark Adams, **8.00pm, Saturday 27th February**. This event is a 'fundraiser' for a new water heater in the Church kitchen, our longer term goal is to raise £1,500 for this. To take part in the quiz just join us on the 27th, or to make a donation (no amount is too big or too small) that would be lovely. Bank transfer details: account no. 00029176; sort code 40-52-40 or you can leave your donation in an envelope in Church marked Quiz Night donation, or use the tablet in Church. Thanks.

LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH: full details are to be found in the 13th edition of Michael's newsletter. Michael posted all the materials out last Monday—hopefully you now have received what you ordered? He has 3 spare copies of 'LIVE LENT' - a booklet priced at £3 to use on your own. The Jerusalem course is now available and there are also a few spaces on the zoom USPG Lent course on Wednesdays at 8pm—please contact Michael for any of the above.

LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION 2021

This is an important year in our care for God's creation. We're at a crucial moment for climate disruption, degradation of environments and extinction of species around the world. In this year's CCWW Lenten Fast for Creation are steps you can take to show you care for God's good earth and to show solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Let's make this a Lent for Creation care. **With the notice sheet is attached details of this year's LENT FAST.**

PATRONAL FESTIVAL COLLECTION for Faith in Action is still open. In addition to your giving to our Church, please consider making an extra donation via Christ Church—bank details below. If you can, please reference your donation **with your surname and FIA** so it can be identified. Thank you.

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

Please can you put your name in the reference. 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.** |

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY Southern Region Conference, 19 and 20 February by Zoom begins on Friday 19th at 7pm and runs to 8.30, then starts the following morning at 10am and finishes at 1.15pm. For more information and to register contact jane.fulford@btinternet.com or for more information phone Pat Spencer on 020 8947 0632.

TRADCRAFT STALL 2020 Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Despite the restrictions, together we bought £1,168 of fairly traded goods which has supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. It was disappointing to make minimal profit because we had to write off some stock which went out of date in the first lockdown. Out of our retained profit from previous years, we paid £273.60 to World Vision as our sponsorship of Khady Dione and her community in Senegal. Khady is 20 years old and attends school and her Mbella community benefits from healthcare and sanitation projects. We're looking forward to welcoming back our junior helpers from furlough and to serving you fair trade goods on the Traidcraft stall again soon. you can also order on-line from Traidcraft. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian & Lucy.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at Christ Church: Thank you to the 4 households that each spent an hour taking part in our bird survey in Christ Church gardens on Sunday 31 January. The most bird species seen in one hour was 11 which is 2 more than last year. We had variable success but overall saw more birds in total. This may be partly because we have made our gardens more bird-friendly with feeders but lockdowns have also had a big impact on nature. Results have been submitted to the RSPB. We hope everyone who took part and those counting birds in their own garden or elsewhere enjoyed the birds and birdsong and being immersed in nature for an hour.

ECO CHURCH Zoom Meeting 8pm on Tuesday 23rd February: Eco Church at Christ Church is a group that promotes caring for God's earth and working towards an Eco Church Award. Please join our next meeting even if you've not been involved before or as a one-off to contribute ideas and help make plans. If you'd like to join the meeting, please email the Parish Office at cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk or contact Lucy Christie 020 8540 9862.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK—Items 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 on Wednesday mornings. This week tinned tomatoes, rice, tea, coffee & shampoo are urgently needed. **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.