

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 7 FEBRUARY 2021

Presentation of Christ / our Patronal Festival



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
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.

Green Prayer

Loving Father, you sent your Son
to be a light to those who walk in
darkness. May we who brought
your world to the edge of
darkness see clearly the new
paths that we must follow if we
are to restore your world in
accordance with the commands
you have given us in your Word.
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 7 FEBRUARY 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP) SUSPENDED

10am Morning Service on ZOOM

Have a candle ready to light if you can.

10.45am Junior Church ON ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) SUSPENDED

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; James Hannaford; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah; David Simpson; Tony Stokes;

Those who have died: Tony and Margaret Hollis (Kate Tasch's parents); Fr Eric Simmons CR

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alastair Simpson (1999); Margaret Brazier (1994); Isaac Simons (2013); Jean Guthman (2018)

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

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

8pm Churches Together meeting by zoom

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Church open from 10am to 12 noon

NEXT SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021:

Sunday before Lent

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 and so our Sunday pattern of services is as follows until further notice:

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.

CHURCH WEBSITE—Paul Brazier, our webmaster, has worked hard to try to sort out our website problems—and it is now back up and running (fingers crossed). We are grateful to him for his work in running our website.

TODAY JUNIOR CHURCH IS RESTARTING BY ZOOM—Once a month, after the 10am Service for 10-15 minutes max. It is for all ages – 3-15! Lucy Christie is running the session this Sunday.

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.** If you require any further help, please contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY Southern Region Conference, 19 and 20 February by Zoom

An opportunity to find out more about the work of CMS with speakers including the CEO Alastair Bateman and others working in the UK, Europe, the Middle East, Brazil, Uganda and Bangalore. The conference 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 – jane.fulford@btinternet.com or for more information phone Pat Spencer on 8947 0632.

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 and coffee 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.

TODAY IS OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL This year we are supporting **FAITH IN ACTION**, a local Merton charity that gives great support to the homeless and vulnerably housed. They provide assistance with moving on in life, online job applications and benefit claims, and with finding somewhere to live. In addition to your giving to our Church, please consider making an extra donation via Christ Church—bank details above. If you can, please reference your donation **with your surname and FIA** so it can be identified. Thank you.

A ROCHA KENYA PRAYER UPDATE: At Harvest 2019, the congregation chose to partner in prayer with Christian charity A Rocha Kenya to support their conservation work in the forests of Eastern Kenya and the Indian Ocean. We've regularly prayed for them in church services and here is an update for your private prayers. Thank God for a good start in 2021 as they have reopened their guest house. Thank God for significant funding towards land purchases in Dakatcha where they are creating a nature reserve and pray for the success of a few more grant applications. Pray for staff morale. They pray for us and our work towards becoming an Eco Church.

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. Don't forget you can also order on-line from Traidcraft. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian & Lucy.