

## A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

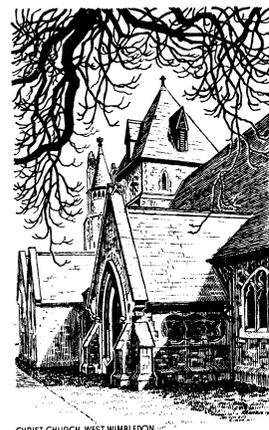
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Galatians 4.4-7*

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Luke 2.15-21*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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**SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2020**

**Christmas 1**



### Collect

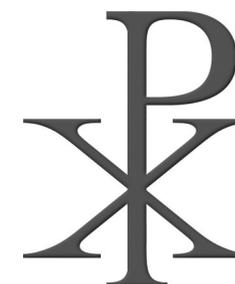
God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be on family,  
and draw us into your holy life,  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son  
shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church  
to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last  
to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Green Prayer

Lord Jesus, the carpenter,  
help us not to be afraid  
to get our hands dirty  
as we work in your Name.  
Challenge us every day  
to care for your world,  
and always to work gently for it.  
**Amen.**



### SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2020

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Eucharist**

*(Collect above and Readings overleaf)*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)**

*Psalm 105/1/11;*

*Isaiah 63/7-9; Ephesians 3/5-12*

### 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; Edith Bown; Sachin Shah;

**Those who have died:** John Barrett

**Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:**

Siàn Edmunds (2009); Phyllis Barrett (2016)

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

### THIS WEEK:

#### **WEDNESDAY 30:**

Church open from 10am to 12 noon for quiet prayer

#### **NEXT SUNDAY 3 JANUARY 2021: The Epiphany**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

**COVID 19 UPDATE:** Note that we will be 'zooming' our 10am Sunday services. All are still welcome to church services, but please remember that face masks are mandatory and we are still not permitted to sing. **Obviously if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend church services.** Please note that there is no compulsion for you to attend in person at this time when we are in Tier 4 lockdown. If you do come to church, please keep a good distance from others. At the end of the service, smile and wave to others—and then go home!



**THANK YOU** to all those who helped at church this Christmas—Tom and our choir and musicians (even though the Carol Service had to be cancelled at the last minute, they had rehearsed hard); to Elaine, Karen, Rosey and Wendy for the floral decorations; to Bill, Chris and Clare for their work on the Christmas tree; to Pat and those who acted as stewards/welcomers—not forgetting our efficient band of cleaners. A big thank you to Tish and Lyons and many others—not least our wonderful children and their families—for putting together this year's online Nativity Play. They revealed gifts and talents which they did not know they possessed!! Thank you also to Sara who looks after much of our administration. Finally a big thank you to Tish and Julie our Wardens.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who are organising the broadcasting of our services via Zoom. Quite a few are helping led by Hazel Bate, Stefan Bown and Tish Mousell.

**MICHAEL** sends his thanks and warm wishes to everyone at Christ Church for a Holy and Happier 2021.

**TOYS AT CHRISTMAS:** thank you to everyone who generously donated items for children this year. A good car load was delivered to the Women's Aid Refuge.

**THANK YOU** to Elaine Chester for creating 10 beautiful Christmas wreaths and to those who successfully bid for them! £466 was raised for Church Funds. Wonderful news!

**JOHN BARRETT**, a long time member of the Church died peacefully in hospital after a short illness. We pray for his family and give thanks for his life and his faithfulness.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS** to the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani who has been appointed the next Bishop of Chelmsford. A number of you know her and will be remembering her and her family in your prayers. Chelmsford is a huge Diocese and she will need our prayers!

**WIMBLEDON FOODBANK**—thank you to everyone who so generously and imaginatively have supported the foodbank this year. 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

**'WILL WE CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO WORSHIP IN CHURCH'?** is a question I am being asked at the moment, as London continues to see rates of infections soar. Your safety is of vital importance and I would have no hesitation in reverting to online services if advised.

**2021 CHURCH DIARIES HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE IN CHURCH** – Free of charge!

**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, please email the parish office for the bank details. Cheques can 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

**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. The service is normally broadcast live on Christmas Eve at 3 pm and there is a television recording (which are slightly different) on Christmas Eve in the evening. If you wish to catch up with these this year this year do try to attend online. 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 either online or in church. We can accept contactless donations in Church.

**YOU CAN NOW MAKE CARD PAYMENTS TO CHURCH FUNDS!** The device will be in the cross aisle. 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 below the screen for contactless payments up to £45 or insert your card and put in your PIN. **HOWEVER—we do need 2/3 people on a rota who might 'look after it' each Sunday. Could you help? Please speak to John Davey or one of the Wardens if you would be willing to assist.**

**CHRISTMAS CHARITABLE GIVING:** this year we are dividing the Christmas collections between the Church and Christian CARE. If you won't be physically in church this year, please consider making a special donation either via our online banking or by dropping a cheque into the church letter box. The full details are outlined above. More information about its work on [www.christiancaremerton.org.uk](http://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk).