

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

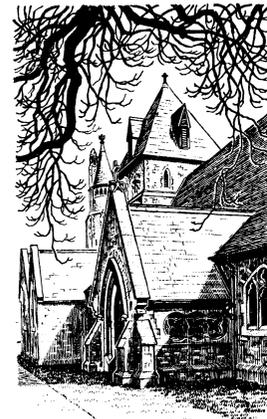
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Luke 21.25-36



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Sunday 2 December 2018

Advent Sunday



Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

Loving Father, you sent your Son to be a light to those who walk in darkness. May we who have brought your creation to the edge of darkness see the new path that we must tread, and may we follow it faithfully, in the power of your dear Son, who gave his life for us. Amen.

Sunday 2 December 2018—Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

1 Thess 3. 9-end

Luke 21. 25-36

10.00am Celebrate Together with Junior Church Nativity

HYMNS

247, 436, 575

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

Joel 3. 9-end

Rev 14. 13-15.4

HYMNS

469, 608, 399

Psalm 9. 1-8



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Margaret Thornton; Val Hancock; Philip Catchpole; Ciora Smith;

Those who have died: Colin Holloway

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Caroline Christie (2006), Richard Allen (2005)

Link Parish: The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

THIS WEEK

Monday 3 December

2.00pm Advent Course 1, Truman Room

8.00pm Advent Course 1, Truman Room

Tuesday 4 December

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Book Club, 35b Arterberry Road

Wednesday 5 December

Organ Tuner in church all day

Thursday 6 December

8.00pm Brass Group, Church

Friday 7 December

7.30pm Choir Carol Practice

Saturday 8 December

10am-7pm Vicarage open to visitors

NEXT SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

Advent 2

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

with the Institution of Reverend Michael Burns as Vicar

4.00pm Christingle Service

6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Monday 10 December

2.00pm Advent Course 2, Truman Room

7.30pm Bereavement Group Meeting, Truman Room

8.00pm Advent Course 2, Church

Tuesday 11 December

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 13 December

8.00pm Brass Group, Church

Friday 14 December

1.00pm Christmas Lunch in the Hall

7.30pm KFH Christmas Party in the Hall

7.30pm Choir Practice

COLIN HOLLOWAY—as many of you know Colin, a long standing and much respected member of Christ Church, died suddenly on 23 November at the age of 82. It is hoped that the funeral will take place on **WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER at 11.00am at Christ Church** followed by a reception. Family flowers only with donations for Christ Church. We pray for Angela, his family as well as friends, former colleagues and pupils.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE LEAFLETS—please can you help by delivering a road (or two!) to advertise the services?

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

The Traidcraft stall is now fully stocked for a Fair Trade Christmas. We have Advent calendars and candles as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper; Christmas chocolates, decorations and gifts alongside our usual teas, coffees & groceries. We're happy to take orders for Christmas cards and other items in the catalogue.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now on sale—buy now to avoid disappointment.

HALL REFURBISHMENT—the PCC have unanimously agreed to accept quotes for the creation of a new Parish Office in the back room of the Hall and to install new much more secure internal and external doors to enhance its appearance. We hope work will start in the New Year. A small working group is being establishing to help take this work forward. We'll keep the congregation informed. Our longer term plan includes improvement and refurbishment to the hall itself and to ensure it remains an integral part of the Church and its service to the community.

LEGACY LEAFLET is available for your information after its recent publication. Please take a copy (yellow leaflet)

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER—nibbles will be served after the 10am service which will incorporate the Institution of Michael as Vicar of Christ Church. If you would like to volunteer to bring some food, please sign the list on the table at the back of the Church.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 14th DECEMBER

The Together on Thursdays team will be holding a parish Christmas lunch on **Friday 14th December** in the hall, at 12.15 for 12.45 with carols after lunch. Please note this is Friday not Thursday!! Everyone is welcome. We need to know numbers for catering, so if you would like to come, please sign your name on the list at the back of church and indicate if you will need a lift.

OFFERS OF HELP AT CHRISTMAS—please sign the list in the cross aisle if you would like to read at our Christmas Services. We will also welcome servers, intercessors for the Christmas services.

NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED on the anniversary of death—please check the name(s) on the list at the back of Church and add or amend where necessary. If adding a name please write clearly!

WIMBLEDON FOOD BANK would welcome the following items: Sugar, Toilet paper, Rice, Tinned fruit, Tinned custard, Ketchup. At Christmas they also like to include treats in the food parcels such as chocolates and biscuits. Items can be left in the box under the table at the back of the church. Thank you. For further details speak to Jenny Tomlinson.

ADVENT 2018 – Michael is planning to lead a short three week course during the **Mondays** of Advent, held from **2.00pm to 3.15pm and 8.00pm to 9.15pm on 3, 10 and 17 December** in the Truman Room. We will be exploring **LIFE EVENTS:** Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals (in that order!) We'll be thinking about our current practices and discussing how we can make these even better! You can opt to come to **either** the afternoon **or** the evening session – there will be the same content at both times. **Please sign the list and take an introductory leaflet.**