

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

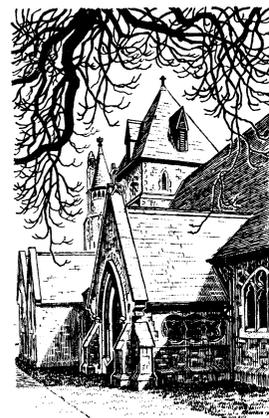
I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3.1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2.1–12



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Sunday 6 January 2019

The Epiphany



Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey’s end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

Father, we pray:

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Let there be love on earth,
and let it begin in my heart.

Let there be miracles on earth,
and let them begin with my faith.

Let there be a sustainable future
for your children, and let it begin
with my actions now. Amen.

Sunday 6 January 2019—The Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Eph. 3.1-12

Matt. 2.1-12

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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HYMNS

42, 537, 709, 78

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

READINGS:

Isaiah 61

Luke 2. 15-21

HYMNS

244, 580, 537

Psalm 98



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Philip Catchpole; Ciora Smith;

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Basil Crutchfield (2004), Boshra Hedayati (2001)

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 7 January

8.00pm Resolve Course, Truman Room

Tuesday 8 January 2019

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Book Club

Thursday 10 January

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 11 January

7.30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 13 JANUARY

2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK

Monday 14 January

8.00pm Resolve Course, Truman Room

Tuesday 15 January 2019

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 17 January

12.15pm Organ Blower & Humidifier Service

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 18 January

7.30pm Choir Practice



THANK YOU to everyone who worked very hard over the Christmas period. There are too many of you to name - but special thanks go to Elaine Chester and her team for the wonderful display of flowers; to Pat Spencer and all the stewards/welcomers who worked so willingly; to the servers and communion assistants; to those who served refreshments, especially after the Carol Service; to the Thursday team for an enjoyable Christmas lunch; to Stefan Bown and all the musicians for a magnificent Carol Service; to our deputising organists for their work; to the church cleaning teams who kept everything neat and tidy; to those who delivered the Christmas leaflets; to Julie, David and Sal for all their additional work in making sure everything ran so smoothly - and to everyone else who played any part in what was a busy time of celebration this year. Thank you.

MICHAEL sends his thanks and warm wishes to everyone at Christ Church for a Holy and Happy New Year.

HALL REFURBISHMENT: the PCC have accepted 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. The work will start in mid-January. A small working group is being establishing to help take this work forward. 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.

ADVENT FAIR raised £967.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE raised £175.16 of which £145 was gift aided

RESOLVE is a four week course which Michael is running on the four Monday evenings of January in the Truman Room. Aimed primarily at those who occasionally attend Church at Christmas, we will be exploring what it means to enact positive change in our lives. Topics include 'Looking after our bodies; strengthening our minds; inspiring our souls; deepening our relationships. There may be space for regular members of the congregation who would also like to attend. Please email Michael if you are interested—there are a limited number of places on the course.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone, including the Guides, who gave generously to our appeal. The food bank was very grateful to receive a car boot-full of supplies and Christmas treats from Christ Church. They will be giving out Christmas parcels during this week. Please continue to support the food bank using the box at the back of church. In the New Year we will give an update on what is most needed.

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!

MISSION PARTNER Do read the latest link letter sent by our Mission Partner Michael Green, working in Ipswich, which is pinned on the noticeboard beside the west door.