

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12–17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2.41–52



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Sunday 30 December 2018
1st Sunday of Christmas



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

Father, whose patient ways with us and whose unfailing love surprise and humble us, go with us along the unknown paths of this New Year. Forgive the sins of the past. Help us to live more worthily and to serve you more faithfully, so that our lives may show forth a new beauty and a deeper harmony, so that your holy Name may be glorified throughout the world. Amen.

Sunday 30 December 2018—1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Col 3.12-17
Luke 2.41-end

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Col 3.12-17
Luke 2.41-end

HYMNS

229, 497, 626, 318, 213 (omit v4)

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

READINGS:

Isaiah 61
Luke 2. 15-21

HYMNS

323, 36, 171
Psalm 132



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:

Phyllis Barrett (2016)

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

THIS WEEK

Parish Office closed until 8 January

Tuesday 1 January 2019

No Morning Prayer

7.30pm Peace Service—see opposite

Thursday 3 January

No Brass Group

Friday 4 January

No Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 6 JANUARY

The Epiphany

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Monday 7 January

8.00pm Resolve Course, Truman Room

Tuesday 8 January 2019

11.00am Morning Prayer

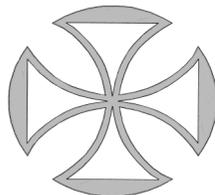
8.00pm Book Club at 3 Elm Walk

Thursday 10 January

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 11 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.

PEACE SERVICE Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group invite you to a Peace Service on **Tuesday 1st January, 7.30pm**, at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9DB. All welcome!

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.

10am SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

There are paper puzzles and craft activities in the Truman Room for children up to 12 years old. Please help yourself at any time during the service.

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.