

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

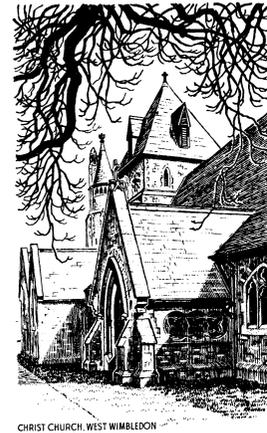
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4.13–18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25.1–13



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Sunday 12 November 2017

Remembrance Sunday/3 before Advent



Collect

God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world. And by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Green Prayer

Father, we thank you for your great gifts of wisdom and ingenuity. Help us to place them wholly at your service in the quest for technologies to protect the world that you created, and all the creatures that live in it. Amen.

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
Matthew 25.1-13

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Matthew 25.1-13
HYMNS 612, 238, 134, 499

6.30pm Evening Prayer

READINGS

Judges 7.2-22
John 15. 9-17

HYMNS 61, 590, 483
Psalm 82



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Finley, Val Hancock, Constance Durie

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Jonathan Wilson (2006)

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

COMING UP THIS WEEK

(Parish Office closed until Tuesday 5th December)

Tuesday 14 November

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm PCC Meeting, Truman Room

Wednesday 15 November

4.30pm YP Confirmation Group at Church

8.00pm Finance Committee at 12 Cambridge Road

Thursday 16 November

7.30pm Brass Group

Friday 17 November *Michael's Day Off*

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 19 November —

2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

COMING UP THE WEEK AFTER

(Parish Office closed until Tuesday 5th December)

Tuesday 21 November

11.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Adult Confirmation Group at Church

Wednesday 22 November

10.00am Hall Building Committee Meeting, Hall

Thursday 23 November

7.30pm Brass Group

Friday 24 November *Michael's Day Off*

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

Before the service speak to God.

During the service let God speak to you. After the service speak to each other!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES preparing for their Confirmation to take place at **St Mary's Wimbledon on SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER at 6.30pm** are: Caroline Campbell, Debbie Morley, Kate Tasch, Laura Buyondo, Eleftheria Mangrioti, Lucy Naylor and Calista Nwokoye. Please remember them in your prayers.

AN ADVENT QUIET DAY will be held at the Church on **SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER from 10am till 3pm** and led by Michael. No need to book. Please bring your own lunch. There will be two talks in the morning and two in the afternoon—so don't feel you have to stay all day if you prefer to come for part. Just the chance for some quiet time in a busy month! The timetable is now available at the back of church.

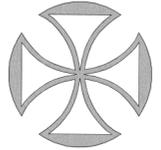
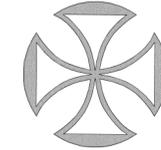
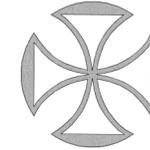
ADVENT FAIR: in preparation and anticipation of our Advent Fair on **Sunday December 3**, please can you bring some home made fresh produce, and if you have any good raffle prizes, they will be very welcome. Thank you from the Social Committee, Dee, Elaine, Martin, Mike, Sarah and Tish.

READERS are needed for the Advent Carol Service taking place on **Sunday 3 December at 6.30pm**—please sign the list at the back of the Church.

TOY SUNDAY is coming up on **Advent Sunday 3 December**. Please do bring new toys and games suitable for children and young people to be given at Christmas.

PARISH OFFICE BREAK The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Tuesday 7th November through to Tuesday 5th December; please send all updates and new material for the Sunday Notice Sheet to Reverend Michael Burns.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADCRAFT 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 selection of teas, coffees, groceries and household goods. We're happy to take orders for Christmas cards and other items in the catalogue. Please support poor producers in the developing world by shopping at your Christ Church Traidcraft Stall.



CHRISTIAN CARE urgently needs furniture of all kinds — there are families waiting for beds, small sofas and small tables. The full list is on the notice board at the back of the Church along with contact details. Please respond if you can help.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TEA

The annual Community Christmas Celebration for Senior Citizens at King's College School will be held on **Sunday 10 December at 2.45pm**. There will be music, readings & carols, followed by afternoon tea. Transport can be provided. Please sign the list at the back of church by 26 November.

DO YOU KNOW A GOOD BARN DANCE CALLER who is reasonably priced? The Social Committee would be glad to hear from you if you do.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION PACKS are now available for all members of the congregation at the back of church. Please collect your named envelope. If you are not currently on our membership roll, please take a blank envelope and sign the list.

TOKENS are now available for you to collect as you come into Church to place in the offertory collection bags, indicating that you contribute to the church but through your bank rather than via the giving envelopes. Please feel free to use them.

JIGSAW PLAYERS are holding a **Concert in Christ Church on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm**. Please do take a copy of their season's programme. From the back of the Church.

2018 PARISH TRIP TO ASSISI AND ROMAN COUNTRYSIDE from 3—12 September 2018 is being organised by Chris Larkman (020 8542 0612 / 07950 642 550) or chrislarkman@gmail.com. 25 places with a priority for Christ Church folk. Leaflets and booking forms are available in Church.

NEW VICARAGE—the Diocese of Southwark has made an offer to purchase **46 PEPYS ROAD** as the new Vicarage for Christ Church and that offer has now been accepted. It is hoped that the sale will be completed during the latter part of January 2018.