

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25.14-30



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Sunday 19 November 2017

2nd Sunday before Advent



Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Green Prayer

Help us, Father, so to deal with the things that we possess that they may never possess us. May we so order our lifestyle that we may tread lightly on your earth. May all the good things that you have entrusted to us be used in your service and for the glory of your Kingdom. Amen.

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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HYMNS 390, 174, 409, 155

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

1 Kings 1. 15-40
Revelation 1. 4-18

HYMNS 745, 274, 259

Psalm 89.19-29



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Finley, Val Hancock, Emma Phillips

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Geraldine Wootton (1998), John Gash (1993), Audrey Brice (2005)

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

COMING UP THIS WEEK

(Parish Office closed until Tuesday 5th December)

Tuesday 21 November

11.00am Morning Prayer in Church

7.30pm Adult Confirmation Group in Church

Wednesday 22 November

10.00am Hall Building Committee Meeting in Hall

Thursday 23 November

7.30pm Brass Group in Church

Friday 24 November *Michael's Day Off*

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 26 November —

Sunday before Advent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.40am Carter House Service

6.30pm BCP Evensong

(6.30pm Confirmation Service, at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon)

COMING UP THE WEEK AFTER

(Parish Office closed until Tuesday 5th December)

Tuesday 28 November

11.00am Morning Prayer in Church

Thursday 29 November

3.00pm 'Together on Thursday'

Shopping/Tea at Squires Garden Centre

7.30pm Brass Group

Friday 1 December *Michael's Day Off*

3.30pm -7pm Raynes Park Christmas Festival

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

Saturday 2 December

10am - 3pm Advent Quiet Day in Church

7.30pm Jigsaw Players Concert in Church

*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 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 four sessions in the morning and 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.

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.

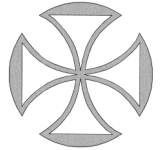
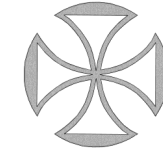
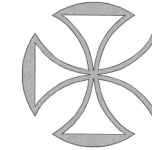
ADVENT COLLECTION FOR MERSTON STREET PASTORS also takes place on 3 December. Please do support this important outreach to the community.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS to all roads in the parish now need delivering, ideally by December 3. Can you help? There are a number of roads that don't have a named deliverer. Please help if you can—it all helps spread the news that there is still a Church of England Church serving the parish of West Wimbledon—and also gives everyone a bit of exercise! Thank you

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! The Raynes Park Christmas Festival is taking place on **Friday 1 December from 3.30-7pm** in the car park outside Waitrose. This year we are bringing the entertainment together onto one big stage showcasing local talent from 5 Raynes Park schools, Stage Coach Merton Park, a Salvation Army band and the Lantern Singers. There will be a Christmas market, too, with a range of stalls selling Christmas fare. We will also have some farm animals and nativity characters. The Santa's Grotto can be found outside the Raynes Park Tavern. At 5pm, the Mayor of Merton will help us with our Christmas countdown - so come along and join in what will be a fantastically festive evening.

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 Tradecraft 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.

BAGS OF LEAVES NEED TO BE TAKEN DOWN TO THE DUMP Can you help by taking a bag or two? They are the far side of the Hall.