

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Ephesians

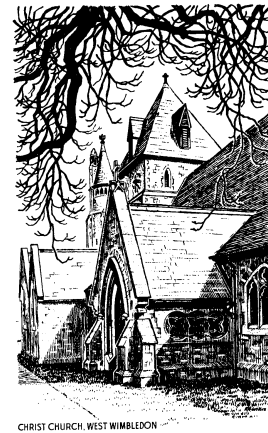
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1/15 - end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Matthew 25.31-end



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Sunday 26 November 2017

Sunday before Advent—Christ the King



Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.
Amen.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

"We must do what we conceive to be the right thing and not bother our heads or burden our souls with whether we're going to be successful, because if we don't do the right thing, we'll be doing the wrong thing and we'll just be part of the disease and not part of the cure."

(E.F. Schumacher)

Lord God, strengthen our weak wills and our feeble frames so that we may work tirelessly for the fulfilment of your promise for the redemption of all creation from the bondage of corruption. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

Ephesians 1. 15-end

Matthew 25. 31-end

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Ephesians 1. 15-end

Matthew 25. 31-end

HYMNS 22, 462, 48, 92

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

2 Samuel 23. 1-7

Matthew 28. 16-end

HYMNS 565, 768, 376

Psalm 93



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Finley, Val Hancock,

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Kenneth Thomas (2006)

For Dr Canon Guli Francis-Dehqani who will be consecrated as the Bishop of Loughborough on 30th November at 11:00.

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

COMING UP THIS WEEK

(Parish Office closed until Tuesday 5th December)

Tuesday 28 November

11.00am Morning Prayer in Church

Thursday 30 November

3.00pm 'Together on Thursday'
Tea at Squires Garden Centre

7.30pm Brass Group in Church

Friday 1 December Michael's Day Off

3.30pm on 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

NEXT SUNDAY 3 December —

Advent Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Celebrate Together

11.15am Advent Fair

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

COMING UP THE WEEK AFTER

Tuesday 5 December

11.00am Morning Prayer in Church

Wednesday 6 December

8.00pm Book Club

Thursday 7 December

7.30pm Brass Group in Church

Friday 8 December Michael's Day Off

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

7.30pm KFH Games and Pizza

*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 tonight 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. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.**

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.

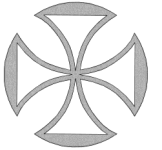
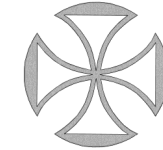
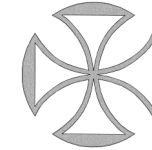
ADVENT COLLECTION FOR MERTON STREET PASTORS also takes place on 3 December. Please do support this important outreach to the community.

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—many thanks for taking the bundles so quickly. If they can be delivered by 3 December, that would be very helpful. If you have any spares, please leave them in the church. Similarly if there are any discrepancies, please let Michael know.

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 begin the Christmas count-down—so come along and join in what will be a fantastic 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.



2018 CHURCH DIARIES are apparently due to arrive soon!

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 **TODAY**.

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.

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 if you wish.P

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 Leaflets and booking forms are available in Church. **A number of people have expressed interest—it would be good if forms and deposits were now paid to secure a place!**

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS NEEDED: servers, readers, chalice assistants, intercessors etc., Please sign your name on the lists in the cross aisle — there are 3 separate sheets Thank you.