

## A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

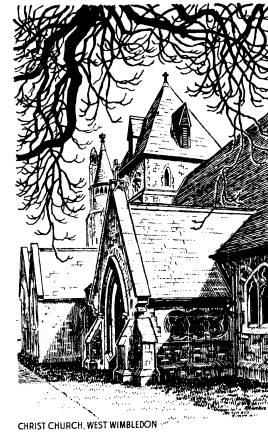
My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 1.3–9*

## Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

*Mark 13.24–37*



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**Sunday 3 December 2017**

**First Sunday of Advent**



### Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawn,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness, that we may be ready  
to meet you in our Lord and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and  
keep us faithful as we await the coming  
of your Son our Lord; that, when he  
shall appear, he may not find us  
sleeping in sin but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Green Prayer

Father, we pray for all scientists, that  
they may combine zeal in research with  
care for the consequences for the world  
and its creatures;

For all politicians, that they may be  
delivered from self-seeking and the short  
view, and may recognise that they hold  
the world in trust;

For all who feel helpless as they see the  
dangers to our world that they seem  
unable to influence. Help each one of us  
to see more clearly the part that we are  
called on to play. Amen.

## Sunday 3 December 2017— First Sunday of Advent

### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

#### READINGS

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Mark 13. 24-end

### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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**HYMNS** 244, 114, 371, 247, 399

### 11.15am Advent Fair

### 6.30pm Advent Carol Service



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

Finley, John Hamilton, Emma Phillips, Val Hancock,  
John (brother of Julie Ashbee)

**Those who have died:** Michael Arnold

**Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:** Caroline Christie (2006), Richard Allen (2005)

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

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 5 December

11.00am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 6 December

8.00pm Book Club

### Thursday 7 December

7.30pm Brass Group

### Friday 8 December *Michael's Day Off*

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

### NEXT SUNDAY 10 December

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

4.00pm Christingle Service

6.30pm BCP Evensong

## COMING UP THE WEEK AFTER

### Tuesday 12 December

11.00am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 13 December

8.00pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage

### Thursday 14 November

7.30pm Brass Group

### Friday 15 December *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!*

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE is TONIGHT at 6.30pm**—do come along and enjoy a special start to the Advent season.

**TOY SUNDAY is TODAY.** We welcome new toys and games suitable for children and young people to be given at Christmas.

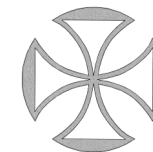
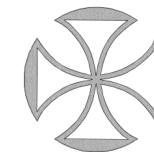
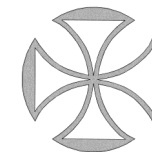
**ADVENT COLLECTION FOR MERTON STREET PASTORS** takes place **TODAY.** Please do support this important outreach to the community.

**2018 CHURCH DIARIES** are 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.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS NEEDED:** servers, readers, chalice assistants, intercessors etc., Please sign your name on the lists in the cross aisle — there are 2 separate sheets Thank you.



**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.

**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](mailto:chrislarkman@gmail.com). 25 places with a priority for Christ Church folk. Leaflets and booking forms are available on the table 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.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

### **Sunday 10 December:**

4pm – Christingle Service

### **Sunday 17 December:**

10am Parish Eucharist and Nativity Play.

6.30pm – Christmas Carol Service

### **Sunday 24 December:**

8am and 10am Services as usual for Advent 4

4.00pm – Family Crib Service

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

### **Monday 25 December:**

8am – Holy Communion (BCP)

10.0am – Parish Eucharist (*children (and adults too!) are invited to bring along a present they have opened*)