

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2.1-20



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SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2022—CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023—NAMING of CHRIST



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you, our Saviour
and our eternal God.

Amen.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Green / World Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ,
true God from true God,
you became a little child for us
so the world you made would be saved.
Just as a child is born to us
and a Son is given to us,
may we be born again through you
and always remain in the number of God's
faithful children; through your merits,
O blessed Savior, with the Father
and the Holy Spirit you live and reign,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

READINGS

Isaiah 9.2, 6-7; Luke 2.1-20

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

**10am Christmas Day
Family Communion**

HYMNS: 506, 35, 468, 250

6.30pm NO SERVICE

*Merry
Christmas*



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields, Yvonne Bentley, John Taylor.

Those who have died: Jenny Baker

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Siàn Edmunds (2009); Phyllis Barrett (2016); Gertrud Edith Bown (2021)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.

THIS WEEK

*The parish office will be closed from
23 December 2022 until 3 January 2023*

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY 2023

NAMING OF CHRIST

8am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY

6.30pm Mike's Farewell Party in the Hall

PEACE SERVICE will be held at St John Fisher Church on **SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023 at 4pm** at St John Fisher Church 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB—all will be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS will be divided between Christ Church and two local charities—Faith in Action and Christian Care. Please use the blue Christmas envelopes for your donations. Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone who has made and is making this Christmas a happy and memorable festival. The church has been beautifully decorated, we had a stunning Carol Service last Sunday evening and are now looking forward to the great festival itself. A very Happy Christmas to you all. Michael

FAREWELL TO MIKE—We are having a farewell party on **SATURDAY 7 JANUARY at 6.30pm** for our wonderful Vicar Mike Burns. **ALL** are welcome! There is a list of finger food needed. Please sign if you can help to provide and bring along with you.



Peace

THE NATIVITY PLAY was a **wonderful** re-telling of the Christmas story! All the children and young people acted it out so well and got across very effectively lots of the humour in the script, which was written by Alex Park with the help of Josie Allen. Huge thanks go to the parents and Junior Church leaders who helped make it all happen—and to the director, Ed Park for his unflagging enthusiasm and very effective direction. If you would like to read a copy of the script there are some on the table—it is well worth reading! **£192** was collected for the Children's Society from the recent Christingle Service.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME—We would like to thank those who have joined the **Parish Giving Scheme**. At the end of October nearly half the existing donors had changed to the scheme. We now need more people to change. We ask those who have not yet joined PGS to sign up, and we have prepared a reminder letter which is available in the cross-aisle. PGS very importantly helps our cash flow and reduces the work load on Lynda Coleman. Please be aware that within 10 working days of joining you will receive a letter confirming the date of your first gift. Please do not cancel any existing donations until your first payment has been collected. If you have any queries please speak to Lynda Coleman or Tish Mousell.

The December-January edition of *The Bridge* can be read and download from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge **NEW BISHOP OF KINGSTON** is the Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough from Bristol Cathedral.

READINGS for SUNDAY 1st JANUARY 2023

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4.4–7

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