

## A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*1 Thessalonians 3.9–13*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

*Luke 21.25–36*



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**SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021**

**ADVENT SUNDAY**



### Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
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.**

### SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist & Toy Sunday

followed by Advent Fair

### READINGS

1 Thess. 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

### HYMNS

469, 51, 117, 399

### Green Prayer

Help us, Lord, 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.**

### EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am-12 noon Church open  
for quiet prayer - all welcome

### SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

### HYMNS

23, 210, 247 Psalm 9.1-8

### READINGS

Joel 3.9-end; Revelation 14.13-15.4

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:** Simon; Michael Green; Nick Coke; Simon Kimber; Rita Allen;

**Those who have died:** Miles Eden-Smith; Johnny Bartlett.

**Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:** Kenneth Thomas (2007)

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

### THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 1 December:**

**10 till 12** Quiet Prayer—Church open

**SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER: ADVENT 2**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Eucharist**

**3pm Nativity Play rehearsal**

**4pm Christingle Service**

**6.30pm BCP Evensong**

**TODAY IS TOY SUNDAY**—please bring new toys and games for those who otherwise would receive little or nothing at Christmas. Gifts can also be brought next Sunday, 5 December. Thank you.

**COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD**—An ECO IDEA. There is now a giant card displayed at the back of church. You can write your Christmas message to everyone in the church. If you like, the money saved on cards can be donated to a charity you're supporting this Christmas. Obviously you can still decide to send individual cards if you wish but this is just one simple idea to be kind to the planet and still be friendly to your friends in the congregation!

**THE TRADCRAFT STALL** is now 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.

## VACANCIES AT CHRIST CHURCH and beyond:

**HELP NEEDED WITH RUNNING THE HALL:** A number of people in the congregation already do various jobs to help run the hall which is now fully open again. However, the hall needs a couple of extra openers/closers for children parties at the weekends every 10 or 11 weeks. The hall also needs someone to wash and dry towels and tablecloths on a regular basis. The hall also needs someone to give help with general management and marketing on an occasional basis. Please talk to Angelina Skelton or Stefan Bown or email them on [ccsw20hall@gmail.com](mailto:ccsw20hall@gmail.com)

**A CALL FOR NEW CHURCH CLEANERS:** Could you consider sparing 1 to 1 1/2 hours every 4 weeks to join the Church cleaning teams? Tasks include dusting, vacuuming, cleaning the glass and the brass. Teams usually clean on a Monday or Saturday morning, but this could differ. Please speak to Liz Errington or send her an email via [cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk).

**A CALL FOR NEW CHURCH GARDENERS:** we would love to invite members of the congregation to help us look after it and the wider church garden. We anticipate monthly gardening sessions but also ad hoc care, working to a given plan. Please do let me or any of the gardening team know if you have any interest. This does not commit you! Karen 07971813314 or send her an email via [cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk).

**CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP** is planning to reopen on **Wednesday 12 January from 9.15am to 11.15 am term times only**. Please contact me if you would like to help on the Wednesday morning or Tuesday evening from 8.30pm for about an hour to put the equipment out Help on a regular or occasional basis would be much appreciate. Mair Rabagliati 07860 542476 or email [mair.rabagliati@gmail.com](mailto:mair.rabagliati@gmail.com).

**12th WIMBLEDON BROWNIES**, the Unit attached to Christ Church, currently has a few vacancies. Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 9. The Unit meets on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7.15pm at the Scout Hut on Cottenham Park Road. If anyone would like a place for after Christmas, has any questions or would like to add their daughter to the waiting list for when she turns 7 please contact Elisabeth Bingham on [lbingham@talktalk.net](mailto:lbingham@talktalk.net) 07941 501 486.

**TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA** Christmas gathering will be on **FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER** starting at 2.30pm—**NB DATE and TIME**

**CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS FOR DELIVERY** to every home in the parish—and ours is a large area to cover—are now available, The leaflets advertise the Christmas services being held in local churches. If you can assist by taking a bundle or two that would be so helpful.

**READING FROM THE LECTERN** is not proving easy for some because of the steepness of the steps. We are planning a redesign of the base to make it safer—but it will take some time to get the necessary permissions to make alterations in a church which is Grade 2 listed. As a temporary measure, Bill Petch has skilfully made an attachment to the moveable lectern. Those readers who decide to take advantage of this method of reading should note that the microphone requires more voice volume to be effectively heard!

**UPDATE—FINANCES TO END SEPTEMBER:** Despite the difficult conditions arising from the part closure of the church and the hall, the Church finances to end of September show only a small operating deficit. We have been greatly helped by a number of significant donations over the usual level of giving, hall bookings are beginning to pick up and we have not had to do any major repairs thus far. We have also received a legacy of £2,500 from the estate of John Barrett. However we have got to undertake some major works in the months to come such as maintenance of the trees and repairing the inner vestry walls. To make progress with our finances we will be asking for donations to help with some projects, and we are asking for your continued support. John Davey.

**FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH:** If you wish to contribute via your bank, the details of our CAF bank account, in the name of **The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon**, are **Sort code: 40-52-40** and **Account number: 00029176**. Please can you put your name in the reference. Cheques can also be made payable to **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon** and sent to **Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2, Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ**. Please note you must put in the full name of the account if you are setting up an online payment with your bank: **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon**