

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

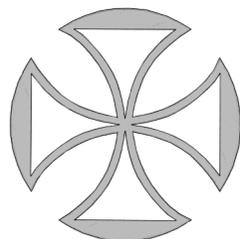
Philippians 4. 4-7

8.00am Service

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3. 7-18



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SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

ADVENT 3



Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

We give you thanks,
O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindly in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

Green Prayer

A Confession, continued:

In our pursuit of profit
and individualism,
We have took our place on the plane
of mass consumerism,
Surrendering rights to the global
conglomerates,
We've turned a blind eye
to those that are suffering.
Amen.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

10am Parish Eucharist

with Junior Church Nativity Play

READING Philippians 4.4-7

HYMNS

612, 436

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

HYMNS

399, 244, 205 (omit v.2&4); Psalm 50.1-6

READINGS

Isaiah 35; Luke 1.57-66

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; Andy Bartlett;

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Mary Quilter (2015); Peter Fleming (2002); Olive Clarke (2004)

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 13 December:

7pm Christmas Memorial Service arranged by Frederick Paine Funeral Directors

Wednesday 15 December:

10 till 12 Church open

Thursday 16 December:

2pm Memorial Service for Captain Miles Eden-Smith

Friday 17 December

2.30pm Christmas Tea in Hall - all welcome

7pm to 9pm: Choir practice in Church

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER: ADVENT 4

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

3.30pm Carol Service Rehearsal

6.30pm Carol Service

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. Lots of space available!

TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA Christmas gathering will be next **FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER** starting at 2.30pm—please sign the list on the table.

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY at 4pm— PEACE SERVICE at St. John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill Lane. All welcome. See poster at back of church. Also available on their church streaming service.

THANK YOU to everyone who created a wonderful Advent Fair—particular thanks to Tish and her fantastic team. The total raised was an amazing **£1,200!!**

VOLUNTEERS needed to help for the two Communion Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—please sign the list in the cross aisle if you can assist.

MANY THANKS from the Wimbledon Women's Refuge to all those who generously donated toys and games—they have been much appreciated.

AT THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS is a **FREE** booklet published by the Church of England with 12 days of stories and meditations for Christmas. Do help yourself to a copy—they have been paid for by the Diocese.

PAUL AND HILARY BRAZIER: After a long spiritual journey, Paul and Hilary Brazier were received into the Roman Catholic Church on Thursday December 2 at the Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill in a ceremony witnessed by Michael Burns. We thank them for all they have contributed to Christ Church over the years, since they married here in 1983. We pray for them as they continue their Christian pilgrimage and we wish them well.

VACANCIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

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 contact Angelina Skelton or Stefan Bown or email them on 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 contact Liz Errington or send her an email via ccparishoffice@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! Please contact Karen Chinn or send her an email via ccparishoffice@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. Please contact Mair Rabagliati or send her an email via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk

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 or send her an email via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk.

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**

COVID-19: Current guidance has changed. In church, everyone must wear a face covering over their mouth and nose, unless medically exempt. Please be aware of giving space to others. Remember—if you do develop any Covid symptoms, please remain at home.

SCAM TEXTS AND EMAILS; be aware that if you ever get a text or an email from Michael Burns requesting help, ignore it—it is a scam. He never uses his mobile and the email address will be a fictitious one! Please note that, in future, we will **NOT** be displaying personal mobile numbers or email addresses in the pewsheets. If you need to contact a member of the church, you can send an email to the Parish Office and it will be forwarded to the recipient by our Administrator.