

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

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 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 1.1–9

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

John 1.29–42



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

## Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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**SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2023**  
**EPIPHANY 2**



### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory,  
hidden through past ages and made  
known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

### No 8am Service today

### READINGS

1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

### **10am Parish Eucharist**

*led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards*

**with Junior Church & Senior Church**

**HYMNS**: 644, 207, 740, 32

### **Green / World Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our Spirits  
to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year.  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
a mighty flame.  
So that in our time,  
many will see the wonders of God.  
And live forever to praise  
your glorious name.  
**Amen.**

### **6.30pm BCP Sung Evensong**

### **READINGS**

Ezekiel 2.1-3.4; Galatians 1.11-end

### **HYMNS**:

206, 373, 51 and Psalm 96

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**Those who have died:** Martin Evans.

**Those whose anniversary falls at this time:** Margaret Hollis (2021)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### TUESDAY 17th

**8.00pm** PCC Meeting, Truman Room

#### WEDNESDAY 18th

**9.15am** Toddler Group, Hall

### SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY

#### EPIPHANY 3

**No 8am Service today**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*led by the Venerable Simon Gates,  
Archdeacon of Lambeth*

**with Junior Church & Senior Church**

**6.30pm SUNG EVENING PRAYER**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** 6.30pm Service for **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** at St. Saviour's Grand Drive. More information at back of church or from Pat Spencer.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** We collected a total of £2,576.59 includes gift aid. 50% goes to Christ Church £1288.29 AND 50% is divided equally between Faith in Action and Christian Care, a total of **£644.15** each. **£192** was collected for the Children's Society from the Christingle Service.

**MICHAEL BURNS writes:** Thank you SO much for a wonderful weekend of farewells you gave me last week. The party on Saturday evening was just right – lots of relaxed and happy conversations with good food and fine wine and to enjoy live music was an added bonus. A big thank you to the Social Committee for all their work. Then my final Sunday services were all happy occasions too! Thank you for all your individual cards and gifts as well as for the special book of photo memories and the leaving card which so many of you signed – and especially for the very generous cheque of £2,665 which will buy some decent garden furniture for my new home. I have very much enjoyed being part of the Christ Church community over these past few years; it has felt a real privilege to be with you – and I do assure you of my thoughts and prayers in all that the future will bring for each one of you. Thank you.

**RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH AT CHRIST CHURCH:** Friday 27th to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Could you spend an hour counting birds in the gardens at Christ Church for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this year? If you can, it would be helpful if you let Lucy Christie know via the Parish Office. You can sign up and submit your results on the RSPB website or email your results to Lucy who will submit them for you. It would be great to be able to compare to our results last year. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

**ASH WEDNESDAY** falls on February 22. There will **not** be a service at Christ Church so we encourage you to worship at a church near you.

#### INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Merciful God,  
whose love is freely given  
to all in this Parish and Congregation,  
and throughout your whole creation,  
help us to grow in that love  
during our interregnum and the future.  
Give us wisdom and courage,  
in our search for a new vicar,  
in the tasks that need to be done in the meantime,  
and in the holding together of the congregation.  
In the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB** The book club at Christ Church has been going for over 20 years and still has some original members! We are very sorry to be losing Mike who was an enthusiastic member when time allowed. Why not join us to enjoy a varied selection of books. We are currently still meeting on Zoom on Thursday afternoons every two months so there is plenty of time to read the chosen books. We started out following recommendations from the Church Times but now we read a wide variety of books, mainly fiction but some biographies, some classics really anything recommended by our members.

Unlike some Book Clubs there is no obligation to cook meals, provide homemade cakes or even choose the books just come and enjoy a good discussion. Everyone is welcome – men and women and you don't have to read every book. For further information contact Lynda Coleman on [Lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com](mailto:Lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com)

There will be a collection for the work of the South London Refugee Association at services on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. Please see more about their work on board at back of church or on their website [www.slr-a.org.uk](http://www.slr-a.org.uk).

**A PRAYER FOR THE NEW BISHOP OF KINGSTON, to be consecrated on 2 February:** Heavenly Father, our Shepherd and Guide, we thank you for the appointment of your servant, Martin Gainsborough, as bishop designate of Kingston. May your Holy Spirit give him your gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion, as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor and teacher. May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who will love you, walk with Jesus and be filled with the Spirit. May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth, Christ centred and outward focussed. As Bishop designate Martin gets ready to make his home among us, may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan community, and together bear witness to Christ and the building up of your kingdom. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, **Amen.**