

A reading from the book of Revelation

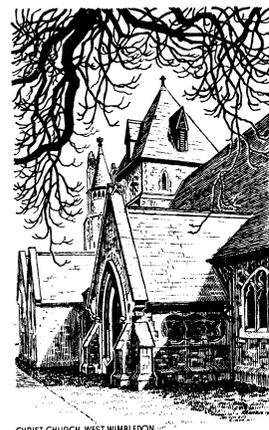
I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; 10 you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Revelation 5.1–10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

John 1.43–51



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SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021

Second Sunday of Epiphany



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.**

Green Prayer

We thank you, Lord,
for the women and men
who have given their lives
to the protection of your beautiful world.
We pray that their labour and sacrifices
may not be in vain,
but that the torch they lit
may be carried by the rest of us
as long as it takes
to free your world from pollution,
degradation and the bitter harvest
of human greed.

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.**



SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP) SUSPENDED

10am Morning Service on ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) SUSPENDED

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah;

Those who have died: Gertrud Edith Bown; Brian Rocksborough Smith;

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

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

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY 18 JANUARY at 8pm:

PCC Meeting by zoom

WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY:

Church open from 10am to 12 noon

THURSDAY 21 JANUARY at 8pm:

Merton Deanery Synod Meeting on zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2021:

Epiphany 3

8am Holy Communion (BCP) **SUSPENDED**

10am Morning Service ON ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer **SUSPENDED**

LOCKDOWN 3: Along with the vast majority of places of worship nationwide we have now voluntarily closed for worship and so our Sunday pattern of services is as follows until further notice:

8am—Holy Communion is **suspended**

10am—Morning Service with hymns **by Zoom**

6.30pm—Evening Prayer is **suspended**

However the church building will be open each **Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon** for prayer.

If you need any help or assistance during this time please do contact Michael Burns.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. If you wish to contribute via your bank, particularly during the current lockdown, the details of our CAF bank account, in the name of The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon, are:

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00029176

Cheques can also be made payable to **PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ**. If you require any further help, please contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK—the items they are most in need of this week are Sugar - 500g; Rice - 500g/1kg bags; Noodles (instant and to cook); Baked beans/spaghetti; Instant Mash; Tinned tomatoes or pasta/curry sauce; Tinned veg/pulses/fruit; Tinned meat/fish; Tinned rice pudding/custard; Long life squash; Jam; Ketchup/bottle sauce; Chocolate/crisps/snacks; Biscuits (sweet or savoury); Cereal. **They can be left on the doorstep of 31 Somerset Avenue or in the parcel box of the porch of 46 Pepys Road or in church on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.** Financial donations are always welcome.

<https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Cheques payable to **Wimbledon Foodbank** to Elim Pentecostal Church, 76 Kingston Road, London SW19 1LA



JOHN DAVEY, OUR TREASURER WRITES: “A thank you to those who contributed to the appeal to cover the losses because of the cancellation at short notice of the carol service planned for 20 December. The church has been helped by the thoughtful giving”.

YOU CAN NOW MAKE CARD PAYMENTS TO CHURCH FUNDS: You select the amount you wish to donate (£5, £10 or £20) or you can choose your own figure—and then either tap the white device for contactless payments up to £45 or insert your debit card and tap in your PIN. This will be available on Wednesday mornings.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH Friday 29 to Sunday 31 January 2021

As part of our Eco Church commitment, Christ Church will be taking part again in this national survey of garden birds. We hope to see more birds this year with our bird feeders in place. Unfortunately, we can't birdwatch as a group and can only be outside. Ian and Lucy Christie will count birds at church from 11.30 to 12.30 on Sunday 31st January. It would be great if one or two other households could pick another hour and do the same at church. If you can, please let Lucy know and it's easy to register & submit your results on line. Alternatively, sign up & birdwatch in your own garden <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> Contact Lucy Christie for more information. 0208 540 9862 or send her an email message via the Parish Office.

A prayer for those who can't take much more:

May we each find the momentum to keep going;
may we each find the words and actions
to encourage and uphold one another;
may we each find a sense of peace
even in the midst of uncertainty and grief.

Amen.