

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12–17

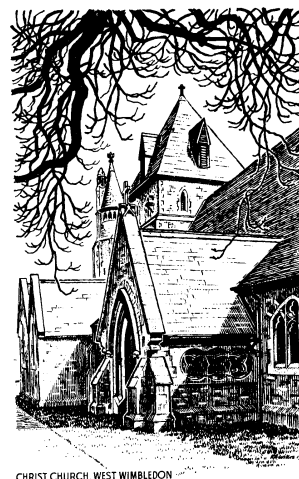
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2.33–35

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 West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 19th MARCH 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday



Collect

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the
breast you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within
the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35

No 8.00am Service

10.00am All Age Service

led by Rev'd Alun Ford
with Guides & Brownies,
followed by cake sale in church.

HYMNS: 447, 30, 97, 612

No Junior Church / Senior Church

Green / World Prayer

Fill our hearts, O Lord,
with love for Climate refugees;

Those caught up
in climate-related conflicts;

Those suffering
from extreme weather events;

Those who face
drought and food shortages.

Amen.

Prayer by Jon Swales

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

Micah 7; James 5

HYMNS:

619, 139, 273

Psalm 23

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Alan Cox (2020); Cynthia Wilkes (2020)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH

9.15am TODDLER GROUP

SATURDAY 25th MARCH

1.00pm Wedding in church

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

PASSIONTIDE

No 8.00am Service

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

led by Area Dean Rachel Taylor
with Junior Church / Senior Church

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

APPEAL FOR SERVERS—More Servers are required for the 10.00am Service, please see Tish or Julie.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in church, in memory of a loved one, there is a collection box and list at the back.

TEA ON THURSDAY 30th MARCH —Tea will be held in the Hall from 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to come please sign the list at the back of church, particularly indicating if you would like a lift.

This month's edition of **THE BRIDGE** can be read and downloaded from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

CHURCH CLEANING Could you spare an hour or two once a month to help keep our church clean? We have a vacancy on our volunteer cleaning team from February. Please contact Liz Errington via the parish office for further information.

WWF Earth Hour 2023 8.30 – 9.30pm on Saturday 25th March. Earth Hour is the world's biggest switch-off event in support of nature, people and the planet. Iconic landmarks, millions of homes and businesses and political leaders across the world switch off their lights for an hour to celebrate our natural world and as a rallying call to protect it. Join in by switching off your lights, your phone and anything else you can for an hour. For more information. <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Of Walking on Thin Ice: Sunday 2nd April 4.30pm at The Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Road, Raynes Park SW20 8RA. Book your free place for this special screening on Palm Sunday at <https://bit.ly/thiniceRP> The film is about a walk; a pilgrimage, an odyssey...for the planet. Five hundred miles from London to Glasgow COP26. Refreshments will be available.

After the screening, an optional extra, you are invited to walk together to The Sultan, Norman Road, South Wimbledon. SW19 1BT for "God in the Pub". Join a reflective conversation on the Climate Emergency and Protest, starting at 7.30pm and organised by the Parish of Merton Priory in South Wimbledon.

CHALICE—We will be reintroducing the Chalice (the wine with the bread) on Sunday 2nd April. The Archdeacon, Simon Gates advised that this has been reintroduced into all of his Churches. Taking the wine is up to you, if you don't want to receive the it, keep your hands at your side, or get up after you have had the bread. Dipping the bread into the wine is NOT an option. Thank you.

HALL CAR PARK Thank you for being considerate when you use the hall car park on a Sunday morning. It's possible to park four cars on both sides. Four can easily fit to the left of the hall (if you are facing it), and 4 smaller cars could park on the right. Thank you.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2023

This year the theme for The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call is Mental Health & Wellbeing. Focusing on two projects from each of the Episcopal Areas and projects from our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Please see display at the back of Church .

Churches Together in West Wimbledon joint **Service and Walk of Witness on Good Friday** at 10.00am. Meet at Lantern Methodist Church, Worples Road. Organised by Churches Together in West Wimbledon. Readings and music on the way and culminating at Raynes Park Station. *All very welcome.*

A CONCERT IN AID OF CHRISTIAN CARE MERTON here in Christ Church 7.30pm Saturday 22 April by the Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra (run by Stefan, among others). Tickets £15 available via the Eventbrite website. Mozart Symphony No.29 in A, Finzi Clarinet concerto (soloist: Richard Stockall), Schnittke Suite in the Old Style, Haydn Symphony No.49 "La Passione". Conductor Johann Stuckenbruck.

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 via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk