

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

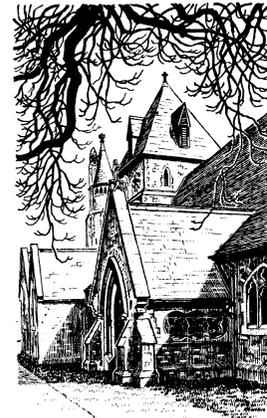
To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Romans 16.25–27

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26–38



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SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2020

4th Sunday of Advent



Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited
for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see,
with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother
of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace
your holy will and with her
rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

O Clavis David:

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel
controlling at your will the gate of Heaven:
Come, break down the prison walls of death
for those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death;
and lead your captive people into freedom.
Isaiah had prophesied, I will place the Key
of the House of David on His shoulder;
when he opens, no one will shut,
when he shuts, no one will open.
(Isaiah 22:22),
and His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful, from David's throne,
and over His kingdom, which he confirms
and sustains by judgment and justice,
both now and forever. (Isaiah 9:6).

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/what-are-the.html>

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2020

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer

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; John Barrett; Edith Bown; Sachin Shah;

Those who have died: Malcolm McLellan

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Mary Quilter (2015); Peter Fleming (2002); Olive Clarke (2004); Dawn Stageman (2015); Richard Thurgood (2010); Sian Edmunds (2009)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 23:

Church open from 10am to 12 noon for quiet prayer

CHRISTMAS EVE—THURSDAY 24:

4pm Family Nativity Service on Zoom

5pm-7pm Church open for visiting

9pm Christmas Eve Said Communion

(prior booking required)

CHRISTMAS DAY—FRIDAY 25:

8am Christmas Day Said Communion (BCP)

10am Christmas Day Morning Service on Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER: Christmas 1

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

COVID 19 UPDATE: Note that we will be 'zooming' our 10am Sunday services. All are still welcome to church services, but please remember that face masks are mandatory and we are still not permitted to sing. **Obviously if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend church services.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE BOOKING is open for all church members and members of the public. Please email Michael if you wish to attend **in person** either of the services which will be held in Church. You no longer have to tell us if you will be logging in via Zoom—though we would like to know if you pass the link on to others you are in touch with. Although we have been able to increase our Zoom capacity to admit all comers, we have not been able to build a bigger Church and, as seating capacity is limited, we need to know accurate numbers—otherwise it may be a question of 'No room at the Inn/Church.'

TRAIDCRAFT GOODS ARE ON SALE: Please feel free to browse and buy, being careful to wear face coverings and maintain a social distance! They will accept IOU's!

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD AT CHRIST CHURCH—An ECO IDEA. There is 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. A big thank you to the Allen family for designing such a beautiful card for us all to sign.

PERSONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS: We have been advised that, given the necessary precautions around COVID transmission, you should **not** leave Christmas cards in church for members of the congregation this year. Sorry! However, please do take advantage of our Communal Christmas Card as above!

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK—thank you to everyone who so generously and imaginatively have supported the foodbank both during this year and now at Christmas. No further items can be accepted now until the New Year. However be assured that 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

TOYS AT CHRISTMAS: thank you to everyone who generously donated items for children this year. A good car load was delivered to the Women's Aid Refuge.

THANK YOU to Elaine Chester for creating 10 beautiful Christmas wreaths and to those who successfully bid for them! £466 was raised for Church Funds. Wonderful news!

2021 CHURCH DIARIES—Michael has been assured they are 'in the post'. They will be available in church as soon as they arrive—and they are free of charge.

EMAILS FROM THE VICAR: If you ever receive an email asking for financial or other help from Michael Burns, please be assured he would never send out any such email, so **don't respond!** You can always check the authenticity of any sender's email address by hovering your cursor over the sender's name—or if in doubt, ring the Vicar!

CHRIST CHURCH BIRD BOXES Have you spotted our four new bird boxes? Many thanks to Bill Petch for making 3 of them and for fixing them to the trees. Thanks to Hazel Bate for donating the 4th box. We're caring for God's creation and this helps us work towards an Eco Church Award. Look out for bee hotels and bird feeders coming soon!

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, please email the parish office for the bank details. Cheques can 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

YOU CAN NOW MAKE CARD PAYMENTS TO CHURCH FUNDS! The device is in the cross aisle. You simply select the amount you wish to donate (£5, £10 or £20)—or you can select your own figure—and then either tap the white device below the screen for contactless payments up to £45 or insert your card and put in your PIN. And that's all there is to it! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CHARITABLE GIVING: this year we are dividing the Christmas collections between the Church and Christian CARE. If you won't be physically in church this year, please consider making a special donation either via our online banking or by dropping a cheque into the church letter box. The full details are outlined above. More information about its work on www.christiancaremerton.org.uk.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who are organising the broadcasting of our services via Zoom. Quite a few are helping led by Hazel Bate, Stefan Bown and Tish Mousell.

