

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3.18–22

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Mark 1.9–15



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SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

First Sunday of Lent



Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

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

10am Morning Service on ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) **SUSPENDED**

Green Prayer

Lord, you know the obstacles your people face in adapting their lifestyles to the new imperative of sustainable living. Support the trailblazers, we pray – those who are committed to change and can lead us towards a better way of living. Help us all to set our sights on zero-carbon living by 2030 and to work together to achieve that goal. **Amen.**

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; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah; David Simpson; Tony Stokes;

Those who have died: Tony and Margaret Hollis (Kate Tasch's parents); James Hannaford (Sarah's Father).

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Daphne Hall (2020); Mark Hollis (2019); Howard Roberts (2001)

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

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

8pm Eco-Church meeting by Zoom

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

10 till 12 Church open for quiet prayer

8pm USPG Lent Course 1 by Zoom

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY

8pm Church Quiz by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021 (Lent 2):

8am Holy Communion (BCP) SUSPENDED

10am Morning Service ON ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer SUSPENDED

QUIZ NIGHT—Quizmeister Mark Adams, **8pm, Saturday 27 February**. This event is a 'fundraiser' for a new water heater in the Church kitchen; our longer term goal is to raise £1,500 for this. To take part in the quiz just join us on the 27, or to make a donation (no amount is too big or too small) that would be lovely. Bank transfer details: account no. 00029176; sort code 40-52-40 or you can leave your donation in an envelope in Church marked Quiz Night donation, or use the card tablet in Church. Thanks.

LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH: full details are to be found in the 13th edition of Michael's newsletter. He has 2 spare copies of 'LIVE LENT' - a booklet priced at £3 to use on your own. The Jerusalem course is now available and there are also 1/2 spaces on the zoom USPG Lent course on Wednesdays at 8pm—please contact Michael for any of the above.

LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION 2021

This is an important year in our care for God's creation. We're at a crucial moment for climate disruption, degradation of environments and extinction of species around the world. In this year's CCWW Lenten Fast for Creation are steps you can take to show you care for God's good earth and to show solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Let's make this a Lent for Creation care. **The Lent Fast is on the home page of the church website.**

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. **The 2020 accounts are being prepared: the operating deficit for 2020 is £17,000 mainly due to the lack of Sunday collections and the loss of income from the closure of the Hall. Please note that we get no Government or Diocesan bailouts—it is up to us at Christ Church to fund our 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 and Account number: 00029176.** Please can you put your name in the reference. 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.**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

Carol service expenses: £762 has been donated in relation to the costs of the cancelled Carol Service. Thank you to our generous donors.

Charitable collection divided equally between the Church and Christian Care amounted to a total of £794.38 (including Gift Aid). In addition £37.50 (including Gift Aid) was collected for The Children's Society. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

TRADCRAFT STALL: There are Easter chocolates and some short sell-by-date items for sale on the stall at the back of church. When the church is open on Wednesday mornings, please serve yourself and pay in the box provided. Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall. .

CHRIST CHURCH NEW MALDEN are promoting three online courses covering anxiety and depression, relationship breakdown and hope in depression during Covid-19. Details are on their website or let Michael know and he can forward the details from their newsletter.

TRADCRAFT STALL 2020 Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Despite the restrictions, together we bought £1,168 of fairly traded goods which has supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. It was disappointing to make minimal profit because we had to write off some stock which went out of date in the first lockdown. Out of our retained profit from previous years, we paid £273.60 to World Vision as our sponsorship of Khady Dione and her community in Senegal. Khady is 20 years old and attends school and her Mbella community benefits from healthcare and sanitation projects. We're looking forward to welcoming back our junior helpers from furlough and to serving you fair trade goods on the Traidcraft stall again soon. you can also order on-line from Traidcraft. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian & Lucy.

ECO CHURCH Zoom Meeting 8pm on **Tuesday 23rd February:** Eco Church at Christ Church is a group that promotes caring for God's earth and working towards an Eco Church Award. Please join our next meeting even if you've not been involved before or as a one-off to contribute ideas and help make plans. If you'd like to join the meeting, please email the Parish Office at ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk or contact Lucy Christie 020 8540 9862.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday 5 March will be hosted by St Andrews as a Zoom service at 10.30am and will be available to watch on the St Andrews YouTube from 5pm. The women of Vanuatu have written the service with the theme 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. To access Zoom please let Mair Rabagliati know via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk Your name will then be added to the participants list. The words will be displayed during the service on the screen. Everyone is welcome and there will be opportunity for chat rooms at the end.

WIMBLETON FOODBANK—Items 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**. This week tinned tomatoes, rice, tea, coffee & shampoo are urgently needed. **Thank you.** Financial donations are always welcome. <https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Cheques to payable to **Wimbledon Foodbank** can be sent to Elim Pentecostal Church, 76 Kingston Road, London SW19 1LA.