

READINGS for SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 2021

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Stephen said to the high priest and the council: 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.' When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. *Acts 7.51-60*

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

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.' *Matthew 10.17-22*

Happy
New
Year



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**SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 2021—St STEPHEN
& SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022— THE EPIPHANY**



Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be on family, and
draw us into your holy life, through the
birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son
shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly
home: help your Church to live as one
family, united in love and obedience, and
bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Green Prayer

A Confession, continued:

Death and destruction,
floods and forest fire,
The result of over consumption
and selfish desire,
God in his mercy
pleads repent and choose life,
By loving our neighbours
and turning from sins that are rife.
Amen.

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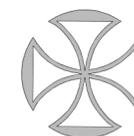
Acts 7.51-end; Matthew 10.17-22

8am NO SERVICE

10am Parish Eucharist

HYMNS: 229, 687, 580, 364

6.30pm NO SERVICE



SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022

READINGS

Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

HYMNS 537, 318, 78, 42

6.30pm BCP Evensong

HYMNS: 270, 129, 306. Psalm 100

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon; Michael Green; Nick Coke; Simon Kimber; Rita Allen;

Those who have died: Margaret Rutherford.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Margaret Luddington (2009); Marion Thain (2014); Joyce Smith (2021); Robert Spencer (1997)

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29 December 2021:
CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022 THE EPIPHANY

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm BCP Evensong

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Wednesday 5 January
10am-12 noon Church open for Quiet Prayer

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm BCP Evensong

THE NATIVITY PLAY was an absolute stunner this year. If you missed it, you missed a treat! It was wonderful to see so many children involved. Thank you so much to Lyons and Tish and everyone else who helped—too many to name—but thanking the parents who got the children out of bed early (!), dressed them, rehearsed lines and everyone who was able to run around on the day to make sure it all happened in the right order! A final thank you to Rich and Nicole for the 'loan' of Joshua in his starring role as the baby Jesus!

AT THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS is a **FREE** booklet published by the Church of England with 12 days of stories and meditations for Christmas. Do help yourself to a copy—they have been paid for by the Diocese.

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022 at 4pm: PEACE SERVICE at St. John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill Lane. All welcome. Also available on their church streaming service. See poster at back of church.

COVID-19: Current guidance has changed. In church, everyone **must** wear a face covering over their mouth and nose, unless medically exempt. Please be aware of giving space to others. Remember—if you do develop any Covid symptoms, please remain at home.

MANY THANKS from the Wimbledon Women's Refuge to all those who generously donated toys and games on Toy Sunday—they have been much appreciated.

THANK YOU to everyone who created a wonderful Advent Fair—particular thanks to Tish and her fantastic team. The total raised was an amazing **£1,200**.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH: If you wish to contribute via your bank, 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 **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2, Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ**. Please note you must put in the full name of the account if you are setting up an online payment with your bank: **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon**

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.
Ephesians 3.1–12

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.
Matthew 2.1–12