

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2.1-5

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Matthew 24.36-44



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SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2022

ADVENT 1—TOY SUNDAY



Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER

READINGS

Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 24.36-44

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist
with Junior & Senior Church

HYMNS: 399, 137, 125, 401

Green / World Prayer

Father of Creation, God of Compassion,
wake us from our slumber,
equip us afresh to be the justice-shaped
people of God.

Father of Creation, God of Compassion
you created a world of wonder,
of possibility and potential.
You declared it to be good.
For this we give thanks.

To you be praise, honour and glory.

Amen.

Prayer by Jon Swales

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

READINGS

Isaiah 52.1-12; Matthew 24.15-28

HYMNS: 23, 219, 609

Psalm 9.1-8

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died: Eddie Casale, Elizabeth Gunn, Veronica Hurst

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Ken Thomas (2007)

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 28th November

1pm Funeral Service for Eddie Casale

WEDNESDAY 30th November

9.15am-11.15am Toddler Group in hall

12 noon Funeral Service for Veronica Hurst

7pm Roskeen Court AGM in Truman Room

THURSDAY 1st December

12 noon Funeral Service for Elizabeth Gunn

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

7.30pm KFH in hall

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER — ADVENT 2

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

with the baptism of Poppy Duke

3pm Nativity Play Rehearsal

4pm Christingle Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

TODAY ADVENT SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER is also Toy Sunday—please bring new toys and games for those who otherwise would receive little or nothing at Christmas. They will be given to the local Women's Refuge.. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TEA 15th December Together on Thursdays will be holding a Christmas tea party on Thursday 15th December in the Hall. We will start a little earlier than usual around 2.30 to allow time for carol singing. All are welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church if you plan to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE CONFIRMED last Sunday evening—Alex, Austin, Eric, Josie, Olivia and Robin. Thank you too to their parents, family and friends who supported them.

ADVENT FAIR is to be held in church **TODAY** at the end of the 10am service. There is a leaflet outlining what stalls we are planning. Donations of anything that is good enough to be given as a Christmas present for our new stall (nothing second hand) and also home baked produce and any spare bottles that you might have. As well as raffle prizes. **We can only receive home produce items on the day, as there is not enough time to price and sort them!**

THE QUIZ was a great success! Thank you very much to Tish and all the Social Committee who worked very hard to organise a wonderful evening—and particularly to Mark Adams, our inimitable Quiz Master. We made a profit of £1,166—to which can be added an anonymous donation of £500. The total of **£1,666** will go towards the urgent replacement of the Hall front flat roof.

ECO DAY at Trinity United Reformed Church Saturday 10th December 10am to 3pm at Mansel Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4AA. A fun filled day to raise awareness of environmental issues: Craft & gift fair with handmade, sustainable, ethically sourced, refillable, reusable, eco friendly products. Wreath making workshop (bookable) & refreshments. Clothing exchange (£2 entry) to stop unwanted clothes going to landfill - bring along up to 5 clean items of clothing or shoes and swap them for 'new to you' items. Free Monkey Music workshops at 11am, 12pm, 1pm & 2pm. See poster or website for more details.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY for the Church has now been reviewed and updated. Please note that there will be a fire drill at some point in the future. When told to evacuate the church. you should exit via the nearest door and gather in the car park.

LEGACIES are a very important source of income for any church. Please do read carefully the two published leaflets which will be circulated and perhaps think about remembering the church in your will? Thank you.

FAREWELL TO MIKE—We are having a farewell party on **SATURDAY 7 JANUARY** for our wonderful Vicar Mike Burns. It will start at 6.30pm and **ALL** are welcome! More details to come. From the Churchwardens.

CARBON OFFSET FOR CHRIST CHURCH
We have donated £264.76 to Climate Stewards to offset 13.24 tonnes of carbon created by the gas and electricity we used in the church & hall in 2021. Climate Stewards are a Christian offsetting charity who support community projects such as tree growing, fireless cookers in Uganda, smokeless stoves in Nepal and school environment clubs in Ghana. Our donation is used to support these projects that reduce carbon production equivalent to the amount of CO2 we produced.

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD: An ECO IDEA.
There'll be a giant card displayed at the back of church from 1st December. 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. Obviously you can still decide to send individual cards if you wish but this is just one simple idea to be kind to the planet and still be friendly to your friends in the congregation!

SUNDAY EVENING STEWARDS: From January, we would like to ensure that there is always one person on duty during the 6.30pm Evening Services to greet people and to assist the worship leader in locking up at the end of the service. If you could help please let Michael know. **If we had one more name then it would be a monthly duty.**

PARISH GIVING SCHEME—We would like to thank those who have joined the **Parish Giving Scheme**. At the end of October nearly half the existing donors had changed to the scheme. We now need more people to change. We ask those who have not yet joined PGS to sign up, and we have prepared a reminder letter which you should receive soon. PGS very importantly helps our cash flow and reduces the work load on Lynda Coleman. Please be aware that within 10 working days of joining you will receive a letter confirming the date of your first gift. Please do not cancel any existing donations until your first payment has been collected. If you have any queries please speak to Lynda Coleman or Tish Mousell.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ at the Carol Service on **SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER at 6.30pm?** Please sign the list in the cross aisle—first come, first served!