

## A reading from the book of Revelation

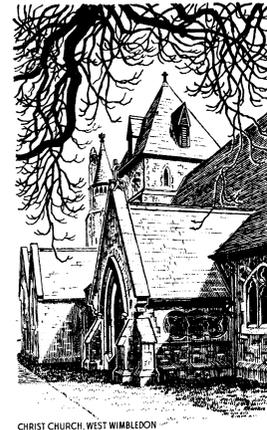
A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

*Revelation 12.1–5a*

## Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, John entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Mark 1.21–28*



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**SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**



### Collect

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel  
to the ends of the earth and your  
messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Generous Lord,  
in word we have proclaimed the  
mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs  
of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

### Green Prayer

Lord, you have given us  
this beautiful world,  
yet in our greed  
we are robbing future generations,  
poisoning your world and destroying  
many of your creatures.  
Help us, Lord, to come to our senses,  
to realise that we interfere  
with your world at our peril,  
for it is your hand, not ours,  
that rules the world,  
for you created the universe  
and we are here as your stewards.  
**Amen.**

### SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021

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

10am Morning Service on ZOOM

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

7pm—KFH meeting on Zoom

### 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; James Hannaford; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah; David Simpson; Tony Stokes;

**Those who have died:** Gertrud Edith Bown (Stefan's Mum); Margaret Hollis (Kate Tasch's Mum).

**Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:** Keith Harrison (2015); Jean Harrison (2017); Jack Dabbs (1987); Celia Berwick (2014); Therese Whitworth (2005)

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

### THIS WEEK:

#### **TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY**

8pm Social Committee by Zoom

#### **WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY**

Church open from 10am to 12 noon

#### **NEXT SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2021:**

#### **Presentation of Christ/Our Patronal Festival**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) SUSPENDED

#### **10am Morning Service ON ZOOM**

*Have a candle ready to light if you can.*

#### **10.45am Junior Church ON ZOOM**

6.30pm Evening Prayer SUSPENDED

**LOCKDOWN 3:** Along with the vast majority of places of worship nationwide we have now voluntarily closed for worship and so our Sunday pattern of services is as follows until further notice:

**8am**—Holy Communion is **suspended**

**10am**—Morning Service with hymns **by Zoom**

**6.30pm**—Evening Prayer is **suspended**

However the church building will be open each **Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon** for prayer.

*If you need any help or assistance during this time please do contact Michael Burns.*

**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, 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**

**Account number: 00029176**

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.** If you require any further help, please contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman

#### **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY Southern Region Conference, 19 and 20 February by Zoom**

An opportunity to find out more about the work of CMS with speakers including the CEO Alastair Bateman and others working in the UK, Europe, the Middle East, Brazil, Uganda and Bangalore. The conference begins on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and runs to 8.30, then starts the following morning at 10am and finishes at 1.15pm. For more information and to register contact Jane Fulford – [jane.fulford@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.fulford@btinternet.com) or for more information phone Pat Spencer on 8947 0632.

**BIBLE READING NOTES** - The group order for BRF notes needs to be renewed in early February. If any subscribers wish to make changes to their order or if anyone would like to join the group order, please tell Jenny Tomlinson.

**WIMBLEDON 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 and coffee are urgently needed. **Thank you.** 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.

**RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** Ian and Lucy Christie will count birds at church **TODAY** from 11.30 to 12.30. It would be great if one or two other households could pick another hour and do the same at church. If you can, please let Lucy know on 0208 540 9862.

#### **JUNIOR CHURCH IS RESTARTING BY ZOOM—**

Once a month starting on **Sunday 7 February** after the 10am Service for 10-15 minutes max. It is for all ages – 3-15! On 7 February at 10am we are planning a repeat showing of the 'Nativity' film again during the service. Lucy Christie is running the first session straight after the 10am service..

#### **A ROCHA KENYA PRAYER UPDATE:**

At Harvest 2019, the congregation chose to partner in prayer with Christian charity A Rocha Kenya to support their conservation work in the forests of Eastern Kenya and the Indian Ocean. We've regularly prayed for them in church services and here is an update for your private prayers. Thank God for a good start in 2021 as they have reopened their guest house. Thank God for significant funding towards land purchases in Dakatcha where they are creating a nature reserve and pray for the success of a few more grant applications. Pray for staff morale. They pray for us and our work towards becoming an Eco Church.

**AT OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL**, which falls this year on 7 February, we traditionally support an external charity. This year we are supporting **FAITH IN ACTION**, a local Merton charity that gives great support to the homeless and vulnerably housed. They provide assistance with moving on in life, online job applications and benefit claims, and with finding somewhere to live. In addition to your giving to our Church, please consider making an extra donation via Christ Church—bank details above. If you can, please reference your donation **Faith in Action** so it can be identified. Thank you.

**CHURCH WEBSITE** cannot be updated at present due to a fault with the server. Paul Brazier, our webmaster, is trying to solve this issue and we are grateful to him for his work in running our website.