

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.14–18

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2.22–40



Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2023 PATRONAL FESTIVAL



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God,
and our God. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope
of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words, prepare to meet Christ
Jesus when he comes to bring us
to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns,
now and forever. **Amen.**

No 8am Service today

READINGS

Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

10am Parish Eucharist

*led by Rev'd Rachel Taylor
followed by Prosecco & Bucks Fizz*

Junior Church & Senior Church

HYMNS:

369, 144, 206, 436

Green / World Prayer

Be Our Light for the New Year.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ,
be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide,
and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage,
and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep
spiritual growth for us,
a time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
a time for forgiving freely and
unconditionally,
a time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.

Amen.

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3.1-11; 1 Peter 1.3-12

HYMNS:

108, 333, 589 and Psalm 122

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, Marion Thomas, Yvonne Bentley, George Greenshields.

Those who have died: John Taylor, Sally Day, Martin Evans.

Those whose anniversary falls at this time:

Keith Harrison (2015); Jean Harrison (2017); James Hannaford (2021); Jack Dabbs (1987); Tony Hollis (2021); Celia Berwick (2014)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY

9.15am TODDLER GROUP Hall

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

3rd SUNDAY before LENT

No 8am Service today

10.00am ALL AGE SERVICE

led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards

(No Junior Church & Senior Church)

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

PATRONAL FESTIVAL TODAY Please do stay and have a glass of Prosecco or Bucks Fizz after Church if you have time to celebrate the Patronal.

TODAY, there will be collections for the work of the **SOUTH LONDON REFUGEE ASSOCIATION** at services. Please see more about their work on board at back of church or on their website www.slr-a.org.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING Could you spare an hour or two once a month to help keep our church clean? We have a vacancy on our volunteer cleaning team from February. Please contact Liz Errington via the parish office for further information.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH AT CHRIST CHURCH: Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January.

Could you spend an hour counting birds in the gardens at Christ Church for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this year? If you can, it would be helpful if you let Lucy Christie know via the Parish Office. You can sign up and submit your results on the RSPB website or email your results to Lucy who will submit them for you. It would be great to be able to compare to our results last year. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB The book club at Christ Church has been going for over 20 years and still has some original members! We are very sorry to be losing Mike who was an enthusiastic member when time allowed. Why not join us to enjoy a varied selection of books. We are currently still meeting on Zoom on Thursday afternoons every two months so there is plenty of time to read the chosen books. We started out following recommendations from the Church Times but now we read a wide variety of books, mainly fiction but some biographies, some classics really anything recommended by our members.

Unlike some Book Clubs there is no obligation to cook meals, provide homemade cakes or even choose the books just come and enjoy a good discussion. Everyone is welcome – men and women and you don't have to read every book. For further information contact Lynda Coleman via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk

TRAIDCRAFT STALL 2022 & NEW HELPER

Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Together we bought over £2,300 of fairly traded goods (that's a lot of chocolate!) We've exceeded our sales in 2019 and are delighted to have recovered from the worst of the pandemic. We've supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. From our profit, we've made a donation of £250 to the church. Thank you to our junior helpers on the stall and to you our customers, especially the chocoholics amongst you! Would you like to help run the stall? Could you help about once a month to set up for ten minutes before the 10.00am service, serve and then put away at the end. Please talk to Julie, Tish, Ian or Lucy on the stall.

QUESTIONNAIRE A leaflet with three questions is being distributed this week to all of you, to help the PCC in our recruitment of a new Vicar. Please take the leaflet home and fill in the questionnaire, it will also be emailed to you by the Parish Office. This will be very helpful for us. The deadline is 12th February.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

The renewal order for BRF notes has to be submitted early in February. If any subscribers want to cancel or change their order or if anyone wants to place a new order, please let Jenny Tomlinson know.

CHRISTIAN CARE currently needs the following items of furniture: strong wooden bed frames; chest of drawers; manageable wardrobes; modestly sized sofas with fire labels; compact dining tables and chairs.

Please email offers attaching photo and measurements to christiancaremerton@gmail.com For more information speak to Pat Spencer or Chris Larkman. <https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/Project>

VOLUNTEERS We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help with Kings College year four students. The Chaplain of Kings will be bringing two separate groups of 36 boys to Christ Church on either the 8th or 15th March. We need someone to let them in at 9.30am and ideally be able to talk knowledgeably about our Church. The main tutorial will be conducted by the Chaplain. For more details ask Tish.

.ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED The Chaplain at The Holy Cross School is looking to rent 1 bed flat or studio locally. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Merciful God,

whose love is freely given

to all in this Parish and Congregation,

and throughout your whole creation,

help us to grow in that love

during our interregnum and the future.

Give us wisdom and courage,

in our search for a new vicar,

in the tasks that need to be done in the meantime,

and in the holding together of the congregation.

In the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.