

## A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

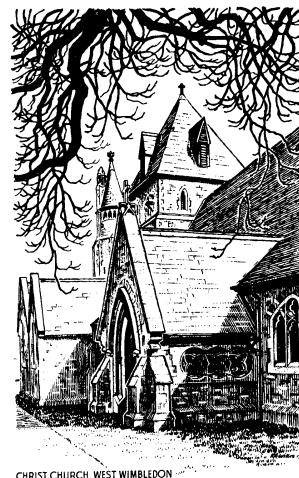
I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*1 Corinthians 1.10–18*

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Matthew 4.12–23*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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**SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY 2023**  
**EPIPHANY 3**



### Collect

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news  
to the poor, release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and  
obeyed to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

### No 8am Service today

#### READINGS

1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

#### **10am Parish Eucharist**

*led by the Venerable Simon Gates,  
Archdeacon of Lambeth*

**with Junior Church & Senior Church**

**HYMNS**: 513, 373, 108, 129

### Green / World Prayer

Dear Lord, please give me...  
A few friends who understand me  
and remain my friends;  
A work to do which has real value,  
without which the world would be the  
poorer;  
A mind unafraid to travel,  
even though the trail be not blazed;  
An understanding heart;  
A sense of humor;  
Time for quiet, silent meditation;  
A feeling of the presence of God;  
The patience to wait for the coming  
of these things,  
With the wisdom to recognize them  
when they come. **Amen.**

### **6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer**

#### READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3.1-11; 1 Peter 1.3-12

#### HYMNS:

680, 560, 135 and Psalm 33.1-12

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**Those who have died:** Martin Evans.

**Those whose anniversary falls at this time:**

Peggy Simons (1989); Bruce Mousell (2009);

John Titterington (2019)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### **WEDNESDAY 25th**

**9.15am** Toddler Group, Hall

#### **THURSDAY 26th**

**3.00pm** Tea on Thursday, Hall

### SUNDAY 29th JANUARY

#### PATRONAL FESTIVAL

#### **PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**

#### **IN THE TEMPLE**

#### **No 8am Service today**

#### **10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*led by Area Dean, Rev'd Rachel Taylor*

**with Junior Church & Senior Church**

**6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)**

**TODAY, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** 6.30pm Service for **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** at St. Saviour's Grand Drive. More information at back of church or from Pat Spencer.

There will be a collection for the work of the **SOUTH LONDON REFUGEE ASSOCIATION** at services on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. Please see more about their work on board at back of church or on their website [www.slr-a.org.uk](http://www.slr-a.org.uk).

**MICHAEL BURNS writes:** Thank you SO much for a wonderful weekend of farewells you gave me. The party on Saturday evening was just right – lots of relaxed and happy conversations with good food and fine wine and to enjoy live music was an added bonus. A big thank you to the Social Committee for all their work. Then my final Sunday services were all happy occasions too! Thank you for all your individual cards and gifts as well as for the special book of photo memories and the leaving card which so many of you signed – and especially for the very generous cheque of £2,665 which will buy some decent garden furniture for my new home. I have very much enjoyed being part of the Christ Church community over these past few years; it has felt a real privilege to be with you – and I do assure you of my thoughts and prayers in all that the future will bring for each one of you. Thank you.

#### **RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH AT CHRIST CHURCH: Friday 27th to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 [cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk)

## **TRADCRAFT STALL 2022 & NEW HELPER**

Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Tradecraft 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.

#### **TEA ON THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 3.00pm**

Tea will be held in the Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to come please sign the list at the back of church, especially indicating if you would like a lift.

#### **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.

#### **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.**