

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

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. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2. 13-22



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SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021

Third Sunday of Lent



Collect

Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptation
of the world, the flesh
and the devil, and with pure
hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021

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

10am Morning Service on ZOOM followed
by JUNIOR CHURCH on zoom

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

Green Prayer

Lord, we have not been good
stewards of the world you have
given us to look after. We confess
and repent of all the ways in which
we have misused your creation.
Teach us how to care for it with
wisdom, compassion and dignity,
and to pass on to our children a
world that is in some degree better
for our having lived in it. **Amen.**



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; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah; Tony Stokes; Prince Philip;

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Jessie Rushton (2003); Daphne Chinn (2013)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH

10 till 12 Church open for quiet prayer
8pm USPG Lent Course 2 by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021 (Lent 4):

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion (BCP) SUSPENDED

10am Morning Service ON ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer SUSPENDED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS PEWSHEET? Sara, our Administrator, sends it out electronically on a Friday morning to all those who request a copy. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email Sara at the parish office: ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk Remember too that the pewsheets can also be read on the church website.

LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION 2021

This is an important year in our care for God's creation. We're at a crucial moment for climate disruption, degradation of environments and extinction of species around the world. In this year's CCWW Lenten Fast for Creation are steps you can take to show you care for God's good earth and to show solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Let's make this a Lent for Creation care. **The Lent Fast is on the home page of the church website.**

MANY THANKS to Mark Adams and Tish Mousell for arranging last week's zoom quiz—and congratulations to the Metters family who won! The financial result will be notified shortly.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. **The 2020 accounts are being prepared: the operating deficit for 2020 is £17,000 mainly due to the lack of Sunday collections and the loss of income from the closure of the Hall. Please note that we get no Government or Diocesan bailouts—it is up to us at Christ Church to fund our 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 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**

TRAIDCRAFT STALL: There are Easter chocolates and some short sell-by-date items for sale on the stall at the back of church. When the church is open on Wednesday mornings, please serve yourself and pay in the box provided. Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

Carol service expenses: £762 has been donated to the costs of the cancelled Carol Service and loss of income. Thank you to our generous donors.

Charitable collection divided equally between the Church and Christian Care amounted to a total of £794.38 (including Gift Aid). In addition £37.50 (including Gift Aid) was collected for The Children's Society. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

BISHOP OF SOUTHWARKS LENT APPEAL: You will see that the theme this year is food insecurity both here in the Diocese and in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. If you would like to donate, please do so either in church or online. If using the latter method please put **LENT** as the reference so we know to correctly allocate your gift. Cheques should be made payable to **'The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon'**. Thank you.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL 2020 Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Despite the restrictions, together we bought £1,168 of fairly traded goods which has supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. It was disappointing to make minimal profit because we had to write off some stock which went out of date in the first lockdown. Out of our retained profit from previous years, we paid £273.60 to World Vision as our sponsorship of Khady Dione and her community in Senegal. Khady is 20 years old and attends school and her Mbella community benefits from healthcare and sanitation projects. We're looking forward to welcoming back our junior helpers from furlough and to serving you fair trade goods on the Traidcraft stall again soon. you can also order on-line from Traidcraft. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian & Lucy.

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, coffee & shampoo are urgently needed. **Thank you.** Financial donations are always welcome. <https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Cheques to payable to **Wimbledon Foodbank** can be sent to Elim Pentecostal Church, 76 Kingston Road, London SW19 1LA.

CHRIST CHURCH NEW MALDEN are promoting three online courses covering anxiety and depression, relationship breakdown and hope in depression during Covid-19. Details are on their website or let Michael know and he can forward the details from their newsletter.

