

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

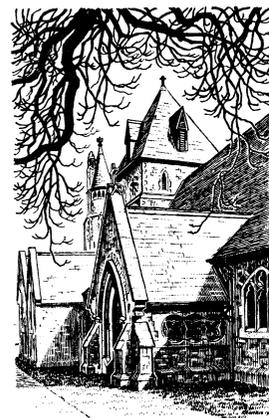
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25.14-30



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SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
by our worship you give us hope;
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Green Prayer

Help us, Father,
so to deal with the things that we
possess that they may never possess
us. May we so order our lifestyle
that we may tread lightly on your earth.
May all the good things
that you have entrusted to us
be used in your service
and for the glory of your Kingdom.
Amen.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am-12 noon Church open for quiet
prayer - all welcome

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

10am MORNING SERVICE on Zoom



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Hilary Brazier; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Edith Bown; Christine Kernan; Sachin Shah;

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Harry Watson (2019); Geraldine Wootton (1998)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 18: Church open from 10am to 12 noon

NEXT SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT—CHRIST THE KING

10am Sunday Morning Service *on Zoom*

COVID 19 UPDATE: During this period of lockdown, we look forward to seeing those who are able to watch via Zoom for the 10am service.

SOME FUN: Michael writes: 'I saw this tweet the other day and thought you might enjoy it too!' Norwich was the Cathedral which recently hosted a helter skelter!

 Norwich Cathedral 
@Nrw_Cathedral

Although we have just completed our last public evening service for the next four weeks, we are still open daily, providing space for silliness, reflection and prayer. The clergy also will be continuing our daily pattern of prayer.

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH: Please sign the Climate Coalition's Declaration.

https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/action/reboot_declaration_2020

As part of our work towards an Eco Church Award, we are asking the Christ Church congregation to support Tearfund's Reboot Campaign. Tearfund are a Christian international development charity and this campaign focuses on rebooting the economy in a fair and sustainable way. Let the Prime Minister know how you feel.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK is very busy and urgently need these items: UHT milk; Sugar 500 grams; Jam; also accepting Christmas food items. **They can be left on the doorstep of 31 Somerset Avenue or in the parcel box of the porch of 46 Pepys Road. Thank you.**

Financial donations are also welcome but have to be sent direct to the foodbank. Cheques payable to **Wimbledon Foodbank** can be sent to Elim Pentecostal Church, 76 Kingston Road, London SW19 1LA

GARDEN WORK has been moving on apace. Thanks to everyone involved. If you are able to help with clearing up leaves, then please do feel free to pop up anytime. Normally this is a task which the boys from King's help us with, but they are unable to do that this year. The gyms and golf clubs are currently closed—but sweeping up and bagging up leaves is good and free exercise!

THANK YOU to Tom Theakston who played last Sunday evening at our simple All Souls service of remembering and to Tish Mousell who was our Zoom operator. A number of families wrote afterwards to say how much they had valued the service—which was beamed as far as California!

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, the church bank details are: **PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon: CAF Bank. Sort code: 40-52-40. Account number: 00029176.** Cheques can be made payable to **PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to the Planned Giving Officer, 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 lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com Thank you. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

RECENT CHARITABLE GIVING:

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY: £195 was collected in CMS envelopes, of which £165 was Gift Aided. Therefore a further £41.25 will be reclaimed making a total of **£236.25** towards the total of £300 sent by the PCC. Thank you for your generosity.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR DIG DEEP: £535 was collected in Dig Deep envelopes plus £20 paid online and all was Gift Aided; therefore a further £138.75 can be reclaimed, making a total of **£693.75** to be sent to the charity. Again, thank you for your generosity.

