

This week's readings

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 19 NOVEMBER 2023 **SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT**

The 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,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life
for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Green / World Prayer

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire world leaders, with openness
to listen to those most affected
by climate change and with courage
to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed
and restored and all people, and generations
to come, may delight in it.

Amen.

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

with Junior & Senior Church

Readings 1 Thess 5.1-11;

Matthew 25.14-30

Hymns 93, 64, 369, 401

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

Readings 1 Kings 1.15-40;

Revelation 1.4-18

Hymns 634, 630, 661

Psalm 98 v1-6



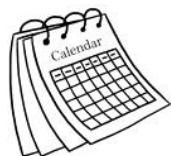
For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need... Marion Thomas, Simon Rocksborough-Smith, Chris Kernan, Peter Turner, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

Those who have died... Gill Bartlett, Rosamund Chapple

Anniversary of death... Jeremy Metters (2020), Geraldine Wootton (1998), Margaret Holloway (2013), Colin Holloway (2018), John Gash (1993), Audrey Brice (2005).

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



THIS WEEK...

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER
2pm Bridge Drive Hall

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
9.15am Toddler Group Hall

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER
2pm Funeral Service
for the late Rosamund Chapple

NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER
CHRIST the KING
8am **HOLY COMMUNION**
10am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
with Junior / Senior Church
6.30pm **BCP EVENSONG**

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER
9.15am Toddler Group Hall

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER
3pm Thursday Tea Hall



NOTICES

Christian CARE Association (CCA) needs an **EXECUTIVE MANAGER** to oversee day to day running of CCA. This will be its first paid employee. £24 per hour for 21 hour week over 3-5 days. **Closing date 23 November 2023.**

Full details available from Pat Spencer, the Hon. Secretary at
pat.spencer@christiancaremerton.org.uk
or <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>

MEETING OUR SYRIAN FAMILY

After the 10am Service **TODAY**, our Syrian family Mohammad & Bariaa & their children, will be joining us in the church hall to give them a chance to meet us and vice versa. Refreshments will be served in the hall instead of the church. Please join us. Children will be particularly welcome. *Chris Larkman, Resettlement Project Lead.*

THURSDAY TEA on 30 November at 3pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to come, please sign the list at the back of church and indicate if you would like a lift.

Also please save the date for **CHRISTMAS TEA** on Thursday 14th December.

This may be slightly earlier than usual because of the wreath making that evening.

THANK YOU - At the back of church is a letter of thanks for your harvest time donation to the Christian CARE Association.

WREATH MAKING

The List to sign for the Wreath night on Thursday 14 December is at the back of church with details of what to bring. The maximum number of people is 20. Cost £40.

There will be a waiting list, so full cash payment to Elaine, by Sunday 10 December.

FAIRTRADE STALL

We're fully stocked for a Fairtrade Christmas. We have Advent calendars and candles as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Also, Christmas chocolates, decorations and gifts alongside our usual selection of groceries. Please support poor producers in the developing world by shopping at your Christ Church Fairtrade Stall.

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD an ECO IDEA.

There'll be a giant card displayed at the back of church from 1st December. You can write your Christmas message to everyone in the church.

If you like, the money saved on cards can be donated to a charity you're supporting this Christmas. Obviously, you can still decide to send individual cards if you wish but this is just one simple idea to be kind to the planet and still be friendly to your friends in the congregation!

ECO DAY on Saturday 9th December 11am - 3pm at Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road, Wimbledon SW19 4AA.

Crafts & gifts, natural Christmas decorations, sustainable lifestyle products & refreshments. £3 entry fee. Workshops to book in advance on tea blending, sustainable winter wardrobe and Christmas ornaments. For more details www.trinitywimbledon.org

CAROL SERVICE READERS

There is a list at the back of church. Please add your name if you would like to read at the Carol Service.

JOB VACANCY

The role of PA to the Archdeacons of Wandsworth and Lambeth is being advertised on Pathways

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/4821/pa-to-the-archdeacons-kingston>

The closing date is midnight on 3 December 2023.



COMING UP...

Sunday 3 December
FIRST SUNDAY
of ADVENT

10am TOY SUNDAY

Please bring unwrapped new toys to church which will go to the Refuge and Christian Care.

No fluffy toys needed, thank you.

followed by **ADVENT FAIR**

We need brand new items for the present stall, cakes etc for the home produce stall. Interesting bottles for the Tombola and raffle prizes.

We very much hope that you can make it. Please speak to Tish or Dee if you have anything.

4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 17 December
THIRD SUNDAY
of ADVENT

6.30pm CAROL SERVICE

