



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need... Peter McLean, Farhad, Brian Reed.

Those who have died...

Anniversary of death... Caroline Christie (2006), Richard Allen (2005).

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



THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT** **'TOY SUNDAY'**

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am CELEBRATE TOGETHER

followed by Advent Celebration in Church

4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

9.15am TODDLER GROUP in Hall -

*Final session for 2024 - with sing-along
and story by a special guest*

12 Noon PRAYER GROUP in Church

NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER **SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT**

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Junior Church Nativity

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

12 Noon PRAYER GROUP in Church
TODDLER GROUP *Christmas break*



NOTICES

TOY SUNDAY - **TODAY - 1 DECEMBER**

Please bring unwrapped new toys to church, these will go to Merton Refuge and Christian Care.

No fluffy toys needed, thank you.

GREENER GIVING **HOLIDAY POP-UP**

10am - 5pm TODAY

in Wimbledon Quarter.

Organised by Sustainable Merton and including Trinity URC Eco Day.

Buy sustainable products and join festive-themed workshops.

MISSION PARTNERS NEWS

News from our Mission Partners in Brno, Czech Republic. Do read the latest Link Letter from Lea and Petra Williams pinned to board at back of church.

FAIR TRADE STALL

We are fully stocked with chocs and socks for a Fair Trade Christmas. We have Advent calendars, Christmas cards, gifts and wrapping paper alongside our usual selection of teas, coffees and household goods. Please support poor producers in low and middle-income countries by shopping at your Christ Church Fair Trade 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!

FUND RAISING

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Christ Church and friends of, we are really delighted to announce that we now have enough raised for the lightning conductor £3,500.

The Bridge Drive was a huge success. We managed to raise over £1,000!

The social committee were phenomenal. The tea was truly scrumptious, a huge thank you to the team!



COMING UP

CCWW CAROL SERVICE **Sunday 15 December**

- singers required -
please contact Stefan Bown
via the parish office or in church.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There is a sign-up list at the back of church for Services over Christmas. Please add your name to the list if you would like to volunteer.



VEGGIE CHURCH

Pick up a copy of the Christ Church Vegan and Vegetarian Recipe Book today - suggested donation of £3.50.

Thank you to everyone who contributed delicious recipes and to Naomi Lowe for her design work. An Eco Church project - eat well!

This week's readings

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

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Luke 21.25–36



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SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawn,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful
and keep us faithful as we await
the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Advent

Today is the start of advent. Light within darkness, sender of signs.
In our confusion, and even our fear, as suns rise and set;
but also as clouds gather. May we raise our heads to our part in the healing
of the World. Through Christ, in whose light we walk with all Creation!

Amen.

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am CELEBRATE TOGETHER – TOY SUNDAY

followed by Advent celebration in church

Readings | Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36 **Hymns** 620, 497, 4, 612

4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

Readings Revelation 14.13-15.4 **Hymns** 117, 428, 399 **Psalm** 25 v1-9
