



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need... Linzi, Sandy, Tania, Ashleigh Anand, Felix Snell, Val Hancock.

Those who have died... Clare Gummatt.

Anniversary of death...

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



THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025

ADVENT 2

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am ALL AGE SERVICE
with NATIVITY

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

6.30pm DINNER followed by

7.30pm PCC MEETING

with BISHOP CHRISTOPHER

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

NO TODDLER GROUP
- returning 14 Jan.

12 noon PRAYER GROUP
Church

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

10am FRIDAY GROUP
at Mair's house & on Zoom



NOTICES CAROL SERVICE

donations of mince pies please for
the Carol Service on **14 December**.
Please can people give them to Tish/Tim
or Jane Allen.

There will be a retiring collection
to be divided between Christ Church,
Faith in Action Homelessness
and Christian Care Association.
Please Gift Aid if you are a tax payer,
using the blue giving envelopes.
You can also donate using the contactless
card reader in the middle 'cross aisle' of the
church and at the back door.

JIGSAW PLAYERS CONCERT December 19 - helpers needed.

Emmanuella Reiter who is organising
the concert would be very grateful
for two people to arrive early to be
helpers. She is willing to give them free
entry and a glass of wine. If you are
interested, please speak to Tish.

TOY SUNDAY - Many thanks to all who
brought toys last Sunday, for children in
Merton who might otherwise have little at
Christmas. It's not too late if you forgot or
were not at church that day. Any donated
TODAY will be gratefully received.

Remembering CLARE GUMMETT
Service of Remembrance / thanksgiving / vigil
at **6.30pm** on **17 December**
at **CHRIST CHURCH**.
18 December at **11.30am**
Requiem Mass at
SACRED HEART, EDGE HILL.
All invited. RSVP to chrislarkman@gmail.com
(for catering purposes).

TOGETHER on THURSDAY
CHRISTMAS TEA
THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER
will be in the Church Hall at **3pm**. Everyone
is welcome.

**CAROL SINGING at THE BEAUMONT
and LINK HOUSE**
Are you free for about an hour on EITHER
the afternoon of
Thur 11 December OR
Tue 16 December and able to sing some
carols at a local care home? If so please
contact Pat Spencer
pat.spencer60@talktalk.net or Elaine Miller
elainemiller05@gmail.com
The Beaumont, Arterberry Road,
Thur 11 December and
Link House, Blenheim Road,
Tue 16 December meeting at the home at
2.55pm in each case.

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD
An ECO IDEA. There's a giant card
displayed at the back of church. 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!



NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025
ADVENT 3

8am HOLY COMMUNION
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER
NO TODDLER GROUP
- returning 14 Jan.

12 noon PRAYER GROUP
Church

6.30pm REMEMBERING
CLARE GUMMETT SERVICE
Church

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER
3pm TOGETHER on
THURSDAY
for CHRISTMAS TEA
Hall

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER
7.30pm JIGSAW PLAYERS
CONCERT Church

This week's readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15.4-13

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 3.1-12



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SUNDAY 07 DECEMBER 2025

ADVENT 2

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Green / World Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness. Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight. Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love. **Amen**

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Readings Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

10am PARISH EUCHARIST with JUNIOR CHURCH NATIVITY
Hymns 250, 400

6.30pm EVENSONG

Readings 1 Kings 18.17-39; John 1.19-28 **Hymns** 513, 197, 138 **Psalm** 11
