

For our prayers this week

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

Those who have died... Clare Gummett.

Anniversary of death... Mary Quilter (2015), Peter Fleming (2002), Olive Clarke (2004), John Barrett (2020).

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



THIS 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 VIGIL SERVICE remembering Clare Gummett

Church

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER
3pm TOGETHER on
THURSDAY CHRISTMASTEA

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER
7.30pm JIGSAW PLAYERS
CONCERT Church



NOTICES

CAROL SERVICE

donations of mince pies please for the Carol Service **TODAY**. Kindly 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.

Remembering CLARE GUMMETT Vigil Service at 6.30pm on 17 DECEMBER at CHRIST CHURCH on 18 December at 11.30am Requiem Mass at

SACRED HEART, EDGE HILL.

Reception at Cannizaro House. All welcome. RSVP to chrislarkman@gmail.com (for catering purposes).

CAROL SINGING at LINK HOUSE

Are you free for about an hour on the afternoon of **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 **Link House**, Blenheim Road **Tue 16 December** meeting at the home

Tue 16 December meeting at the home at 2.55pm.

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!

INTERCESSIONS

A couple more volunteers to do the intercession prayers, please.

Speak to Tish or Lotwina.

TOGETHER on THURSDAY CHRISTMAS TEA

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

will be in the Church Hall at **3pm**. Everyone is welcome.



NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025 ADVENT 4

8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST 6.30pm EVENSONG

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

NO TODDLER GROUP - returning 14 Jan.

12 noon PRAYER GROUP

Church

4pm CRIB SERVICE
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER 8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am ALL AGE SERVICE



This week's readings

A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5.7-10

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to lesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' lesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Matthew 11.2-11



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SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025 ADVENT 3

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindly in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen

Green / World Prayer

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another.

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:

direct us in your way of righteousness.

Amen

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11 **Hymns** 125, 231, 631, 439

6.30pm CAROL SERVICE

Separate service sheet