



For our prayers this week

**Those who are ill or in need...** Alex Boorer, Laurie Hamilton, Ashleigh Anand, Felix Snell, Val Hancock.

**Those who have died...** Caroline Nwokoye, David Williams, Sarah Hamilton.

**Anniversary of death...** Pat Terry.

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



### THIS WEEK...

**TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

**7.45pm LENT COURSE**

*Truman Room*

**WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

**9.15am TODDLER GROUP** *Hall*

**12 noon PRAYER GROUP** *Church*

**FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

**10am FRIDAY GROUP**

### NEXT WEEK...

**SUNDAY 01 MARCH 2026**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**8am HOLY COMMUNION**

**10am ALL AGE SERVICE**

**6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG**

**TUESDAY 03 MARCH**

**7.45pm LENT COURSE**

*Truman Room*

**WEDNESDAY 04 MARCH**

**9.15am TODDLER GROUP** *Hall*

**12 noon PRAYER GROUP** *Church*



### NOTICES

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**A service for everyone!**

**FRIDAY 06 MARCH**

at **St John Fisher Church,**  
**Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9DB.**

Service starts at **10.30am** followed by  
light refreshments. Car park available.

All are welcome. **NIGERIA 2026**

#### TEA on THURSDAY

**26 FEBRUARY**

There will be tea in the Church Hall from  
3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please sign  
the list at the back of church if you plan to  
come and indicate if you would like a lift.

#### BIRD AND BAT BOXES AT CCWW

A huge thank you to John Lyon for making  
our new bat box and our two exotic bird  
boxes - have you seen them in the garden?  
John fills the birdfeeders each week too.

A big thank you also to Bill Petch for  
installing all the boxes and organising a  
swift box which is installed on the back  
of the hall. Let's keep watch for birds  
and bats using the boxes. This is part of  
our care for all God's creation.

One of our new young members of the  
congregation is excitingly playing his trumpet  
at the Albert Hall for the

#### Merton Music Foundation

on **Tuesday 10 March 2026.**

Doors open at 6.15pm with warm up acts  
from 6.30pm and the concert starting  
at 7pm and ending at 10pm.

Ticket prices and information can be found  
on this website: [www.mmf.org.uk/rah26](http://www.mmf.org.uk/rah26)

#### FINAL CALL FOR SPECTACLES

**Sunday 01 March** is the final date to donate  
your old spectacles, sunglasses

and hearing aids. They will be donated

to Lions Clubs British Isles and they are used  
all over the world. Box in the Truman Room.

#### JIGSAW PLAYERS

have two concerts planned,  
the first is on

**SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

at Christ Church.

**If anyone can volunteer to help Tish  
on the night, please let her know.**

There is a second concert a Jane Austen  
evening at Southside House, go to  
[www.jigsawplayers.co.uk/concerts](http://www.jigsawplayers.co.uk/concerts)  
for tickets.

Vacancy at the

#### Cinque Cottages Charity, Crooked Billet.

Chris Larkman  
(clerk to the charity's trustees) informs  
us that they have a vacancy in one of their  
first floor one-bedroom flats.  
Speak to Chris or email via the parish office.

#### CHORAL EVENSONG

**SUNDAY 01 MARCH** with CCWW choir  
and Director of Music, Roelof Temmingh.

**The parish office will be closed for annual  
leave between 26 February until 10 March.**

**Would you have a more  
effective prayer life?**

### LENT COURSE ON PRAYER 2026

*in the Truman Room*

*7.45pm to 9pm*

Tuesday 24th February

**Topic: Personal Prayer (Hannah)**

Tuesday 3rd March

**Topic: Ambitious Prayer (Elijah)**

Tuesday 10th March

**Topic: Hopeful Prayer (Ezekiel)**

Tuesday 17th March

**Topic: Communal Prayer  
(Esther)**

Tuesday 24th March

**Topic: Constant Prayer (Daniel)**

**All Welcome:**

**Please sign up on the sheet  
at the back of the church**

#### GIVING TO CHARITIES

Are you interested in the way  
Christ Church organises its giving  
to outside charities? If so, perhaps you  
would like to become a member of the  
**Charities Committee.**

For more information speak  
to the Vicar or Pat Spencer.

#### MESSY CHURCH

on **SUNDAY 22 MARCH**

**2 - 4pm** in the hall.

Children aged 4-11 are very welcome.

## This week's readings

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Romans 5.12-19*

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Matthew 4.1-11*



## CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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### SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### **Collect**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Green / World Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we live in a world of climate breakdown. We are facing a world of increased migration, refugees and those seeking asylum. We are facing a world of food shortage, malnutrition and starvation. Climate breakdown acts as a threat multiplier as temperatures rise, sea levels rise, conflict increases, extreme weather events increase. Lord have mercy. **Amen**

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*This morning, we welcome Chris Larkman to preach*

#### **8am HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **10am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Readings** Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11 **Hymns** 513, 409, 132, 205

#### **6.30pm EVENSONG**

**Readings** Deut. 6.4-9,16-end; Luke 15.1-10 **Hymns** 333, 173, 190 **Psalms** 50.1-15

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