A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor. 1.1-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he exclaimed, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

John 1.29-42
FOR OUR PRAYERS
Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Hilary Brazier; Judith Sansom.
Those who have died:
Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:
Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY
11am Morning Prayer
8pm Churches Together in West Wimbledon
Meeting at Lantern Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY
9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group
-11.15am in the Hall
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY
8.00pm Brass Group in Church

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY
7.45pm KFH in the Hall

NEXT SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
8am BCP Holy Communion
8.45am Choir Practice
10am Parish Eucharist and Baptism of Rose Imrie
11.30am-12.30pm RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, in Parish Office
6.30pm BCP Evensong

MONDAY 27 JANUARY
8pm PCC Meeting in the Truman Room

TUESDAY 28 JANUARY
11am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY
9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group
-11.15am in the Hall
8pm Eco Group Meeting in Truman Room

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY
3pm Together on Thursday Tea in Hall
8pm Social Committee meeting
8pm Brass Group in Church

A VERY WARM WELCOME to Deacon Dawn Canham, Minister of the Lantern Methodist Church, who is our preacher at 10am this morning as we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2020 at Christ Church on Sunday 26 January 11.30 – 12.30 in the Parish Office. As part of our Eco Church commitment we will be taking part in this national survey of garden birds. We hope our garden will be even more bird-friendly by next year so this will act as a baseline. Could you join the small group who will look out for, identify and count birds – no expertise needed. Alternatively, sign up to bird watch in your own garden https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/ It would be helpful if you could let Lucy Christie know if you’ll be joining the group or doing your own survey at home but please feel free to drop in on the day:020 8540 9862 lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY—CANDLEMAS is our Patronal festival when we give especial thanks for our Church. After the 10am service, MARK ADAMS will be giving a talk ‘MY HIMALAYAN ADVENTURES’. No charge but donations both at our 10am service and after the talk will be for the Mondon Foundation Kalimpong, the charity Mark represented in India and for which he is a trustee. See the yellow leaflets for details.

TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA in the Hall on Thursday 30th January at 3pm. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like a lift. All welcome!

CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP had a successful launch last week. It continues to meet on Wednesday’s 9.30-11.15am for pre school children and their parents/carers in term time. In preparation for this: we will welcome help in putting out the equipment on an occasional or regular basis. Please contact Mair Rabagliati.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall over the last year. Together we bought almost £2,000 of fairly traded goods which has supported producers in the developing world – a small step towards justice for the world’s poor. Huge thanks to our apprentice helpers for their enthusiasm and innovation. We made a small profit and we paid £273.60 to World Vision as our sponsorship of Khady Dione and her community in Senegal. Khady is 19 years old and attends school and her Mbella community benefits from healthcare and sanitation projects. Please continue to buy fair trade goods and remember we can also take orders for items in the catalogue. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian, Lucy and our young helpers.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK Thank you to everyone who responded to the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal with such generosity. Three large collections have been taken to the Food Bank, including a lot of chocolate, and they are extremely grateful for your help in adding festive treats to the regular food parcels. Normal collections have started again The Food Bank, including a lot of chocolate, and they are extremely grateful for your help in adding festive treats to the regular food parcels. Normal collections have started again. The Food Bank website lists their most urgent needs.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH BY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD: We now have a card reader and if anyone wishes to donate to the Church by card then please see the Churchwarden, David Simpson, after the service. We would also be delighted if you wish to set up a monthly direct debit payment to the Church as this remains the best way to support Christ Church on a regular basis - David can help with this too.