A reading of Paul to the Romans

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13. 11-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Matthew 24. 36-44
TODAY IS TOY SUNDAY—thank you for bringing new toys and games for those who otherwise would receive nothing at Christmas. If you have forgotten we can still take them next Sunday. **DO STAY FOR THE ADVENT FAIR!**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

| Those who are ill or in need: | Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Hilary Brazier; |
| Those who have died:          | Harry Watson; Joan Newell; |

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

**Monday 2 DECEMBER**

- 2pm-3pm Advent Course on Acts (1) or 8pm-9pm Truman Room

**Tuesday 3 DECEMBER**

- 11am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 4 DECEMBER**

- 8pm Refugee Planning Group at Vicarage

**Thursday 5 DECEMBER**

- 10am Parish Eucharist

**Friday 6 DECEMBER**

- 3.30pm on MyRaynesPark Christmas Festival

**Saturday 7 DECEMBER**

- 12noon-3pm Hollymount School Christmas Fair

**NEXT SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER: ADVENT 1**

- 8am BCP Holy Communion
- 8.45am Choir Practice
- 10am Parish Eucharist
- 3.00pm Nativity Play Rehearsal
- 4.00pm Christingle Service
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong

**Monday 9 DECEMBER**

- 2pm-3pm Advent Course on Acts (2) or 8pm-9pm Truman Room

**Tuesday 10 DECEMBER**

- 11am Morning Prayer
- 8pm Election Hustings at Holy Trinity, The Broadway, Wimbledon—all welcome

**Thursday 12 DECEMBER**

- 8pm Brass Group

**Friday 13 DECEMBER**

- 7.30pm KFH Party

Raynes Park Christmas Festival takes place on Friday 6 December from 3.30 to 6.30pm outside the station entrance. There will be choirs singing and Father Christmas attending. The Mayor will be there at 5pm.

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, even if you only support this Christmas. Possibly 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!

Traidcraft Stall is now fully stocked for a Fair Trade Christmas. We have Advent calendars and candles as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper; Christmas chocolates, decorations and gifts alongside our usual teas, coffees & groceries. We're happy to take orders for Christmas cards and other items in the catalogue.

Charities supported by our Christmas Service Collections Morton Faith in Action and Christian CARE Association will receive 50% of our Christmas collections this year. Morton Faith in Action runs a Homeless Drop In Centre every Wednesday and Friday providing meals, shower & laundry facilities, clothing & food parcels, internet access and support with applications for jobs, housing & benefits and help with accessing other local services. Christian CARE Association offers help to people in Morton with befrienders who can listen & support at times of crisis; they provide food and household essentials, baby essentials, children's clothes, including some school uniform and second hand furniture for families in need. They also organise an annual party and summer outing and arrange for some children to attend summer camps.

BRUNO BEAR TODDLER GROUP: We are planning to reopen on Wednesday 15 January 2020 9.30-11.15 for pre school children and their parents/carers in term time. In preparation for this:

1. At some point we will be cleaning and checking toys under the stage in the Hall. Volunteers to help clean would be very welcome
2. Unwanted toys books dolls trikes etc in good condition would be much appreciated to supplement what we have already
3. We continue to look for adults of whatever age to help with running it on a occasional or regular basis for welcoming as well as putting equipment out and away or serving refreshments etc.

Please contact Mair Rabagliati for more info

2020 Church Diaries—we are hopeful that these will arrive soon. The company that supplied the diary last year has gone into liquidation and the new company are in the process of securing advertising to cover the cost. Watch this space!

KCS Gardening Team - The KCS gardening team have been busy. If anyone is going to the tip over the next week, would you please be able to take a couple of bags of leaves with you from the side of the church hall. Thanks so much.