

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, intercedes because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8.26-end*

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

*Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52*



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### Sunday 30 July 2017 Seventh Sunday after Trinity



#### Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### Green Prayer

Lord, have mercy on our wayward world, now tottering on the brink of self-destruction.

Have mercy on the rulers and politicians who bear the ultimate burden of government.

Have mercy on our nation as we face our share of responsibility.

Lord, have mercy on us all, and grant us your forgiveness.

Amen.

### Sunday 30 July 2017— Seventh Sunday after Trinity

#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

##### READINGS

Romans 8.26-end  
Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-52

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Romans 8.26-end  
Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-52  
**HYMNS** 376, 138, 373, 205

#### 6.30pm BCP Evensong

##### READINGS

1 Kings 6.11-14 & 23-end  
Acts 12.1-17

#### **HYMNS** 373, 219, 552

Psalm 105



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:**

Finley, Val Hancock, Constance Durie

**Those who have died:**

**Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:**

**Link Parish:** The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Bulawayo

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

*Parish office closed until Tuesday 8 August*

**Monday 31 July**

**7.30pm** Brass Group

**Tuesday 1 August**

**11.00am – 11.30am** Morning Prayer

**Friday 4 August:** *Michael's day off*

***NEXT SUNDAY 6 August—Transfiguration***

***8.00am BCP Holy Communion***

***10.00am Parish Eucharist***

***11.30am Baptism of Freddie Spiller***

***6.30pm BCP Evensong***

### COMING UP THE WEEK AFTER

**Monday 7 August**

**7.30pm** Brass Group

**Tuesday 8 August** *Parish office re-opens*

**11.00am – 11.30am** Morning Prayer

**2pm—5pm** Grounds tidy up

**8.00pm** Small Group Leaders meet

**Wednesday 9 August**

**8.00pm** PCC at St Saviour's Vicarage

**Friday 11 August:** *Michael's day off*

*Before the service speak to God.  
During the service let God speak to you.  
After the service speak to each other!*

**RICHARD HALL** our Director of Music since January 2014 has resigned and his last Sunday is **TODAY**. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his work. Please pray that a new Director of Music may be recruited as we advertise the post widely.

**10am SERVICE—ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN:** There are paper puzzles and craft activities for children up to 12 years old in the Truman Room. Please help yourself at any time during the service.

**CONFIRMATION for adults and young people (over 10):** If you are interested in the possibility of being prepared for Confirmation this autumn, please collect an information leaflet( cream) from the cross aisle or speak to Michael.

**COME AND HELP TIDY THE CHURCH GARDEN** on **Tuesday 8 August from 2pm to 5pm**. Come when you can for as long as you can to help give the grounds a tidy. If you have cutters do bring them. Hazel Bate (07962811990)

**PARISH NEWS SUMMER EDITION** was published last week—thanks to Brenda and Naomi for creating such a wonderfully full edition. Buy a copy now—suggested donation is £2.50 –a real bargain!

The **CHRISTIAN CARE ASSOCIATION** has an urgent need for 2 more volunteers to join the furniture project team

1. Saturday driver to take the transit van out alternate weeks to collect and deliver furniture
2. Keeper of the Kitchenalia - someone to pack the boxes of crockery, cutlery, pots and pans - occasional, flexible hours

Phone 020 3302 0181 / 07932 628 840

Email [christiancaremerton@gmail.com](mailto:christiancaremerton@gmail.com)

For more details see poster on church notice board



**CREATIONTIDE** runs from 1 September to 1 October. We want to involve everyone in this celebration of our love for God's creation. We are asking you to submit images/photos that express our love of nature. This could be from a back garden, the common, or a postcard or photo if you are going on holiday. Please leave them in Church by 28 August. Many thanks.

**THANK YOU** for all the submissions outlining your ideas for the future development of our Hall and Church. The Church Council is currently considering these in detail and we will be sharing the findings in due course and we will be keeping everyone informed when any concrete decisions are made. Please be patient and pray for the PCC members.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**—we are happy to include the names of those who have died on their anniversary. Please add or delete any names from the master sheet which is on the table at the rear of the church. Thank you.

**THE NEW BISHOP OF LOUGHBOROUGH** is Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Iranian born daughter of Hassan Francis-Dehqani, a former Bishop of Iran. These names will be known to some at Christ Church and we pray for her and her new ministry.

**CHURCH POST** can be put through the letter box, facing Cottenham Park Road—Church address is 2 Cottenham Park Road, London SW20 0RZ.

### **PARISH OFFICE—SUMMER BREAK**

The Parish Office will be closed till Tuesday 8th August; please send all updates and new material for the Notice Sheet to Michael Burns — [ccww.vicar@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.vicar@gmail.com). Many thanks to Sara for all her work for us at CC.