

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

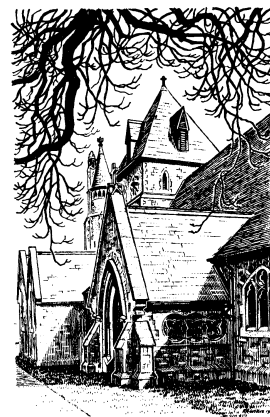
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9. 6-15

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

Luke 12. 16-30



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Sunday 4 OCTOBER 2020

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Protect us, O Lord,
from thoughts without action,

Guard us, O Lord,
from words without feelings,

Defend us, O Lord,
from ideas without results,

And surround us with your presence.

Amen.

(David Adam)

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

Speaker: Ian Christie

READINGS:

2 Corinthians 9. 6-15; Luke 12. 16-30

6.30pm BCP EVENING PRAYER (said)

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 8. 7-18; Luke 17. 11-19

Psalms 65

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am-12 noon Church open for quiet prayer - all welcome



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Hilary Brazier; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Sachin Shah;

Those who have died: Simon Titterington, Miriam Sawula.

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Jimmy Dixon (2017)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 7: Church open from 10am to 12

NEXT SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

TRINITY 18

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer (said)

COVID 19 UPDATE: There has been confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than 6 people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, so public worship can continue. We look forward to seeing those who are able to attend or watch via Zoom.

HOWEVER:

Do not attend if you are unwell, self-isolating or experiencing any symptoms.

Do wear a mask, unless exempt.

Do keep your distance from those who are not in your household/bubble.

PLEASE NOTE: at the end of the 10am service we ask that everyone leaves the Church without conversation—and then feel free to chat outside, keeping at a 2m distance. This is one really important change to our life to observe so that no one is put at any unnecessary risk while in church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TODAY As it will not be possible to visit the care homes or people unable to get to church this year we are sending cards but we still need your gifts of packeted and tinned food to distribute to the Wimbledon Foodbank, Christian CARE and the Merton Women's Refuge. Please bring these items to the church to a service today.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL—it is planned that this will be available TODAY after the 10am service—do come and spend!

We will be collecting money for the charity **Dig Deep** on Sundays throughout October. They are working in Kenya to provide clean water for as many communities as they can, more vital than ever with Covid-19 in circulation. More information on their website www.digdeep.org.uk. Last year we sent them a total of £962. This did include nearly £100 from the Brownies Cake Sale. This sale cannot take place this year—so can you be extra generous in your offering?

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH As part of our work towards an Eco Church Award, we are asking the Christ Church congregation to support Tearfund's Reboot Campaign. Tearfund are a Christian international development charity and this campaign focuses on rebooting the economy in a fair and sustainable way. We'll keep you updated as the campaign develops. https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/action/the_world_rebooted/ See our Eco Church flyer for more information on our future plans at Christ Church.

NEW CHURCHWARDENS are Tish Mousell and Julie Grainger, elected at the recent APCM.

NOTE they have new email addresses for your use:

TISH MOUSELL: ccww.warden1@gmail.com

JULIE GRAINGER: ccww.warden2@gmail.com

We also welcome Judy Luddington as the new PCC Secretary, thanking Debbie Morley for her years in office. Also elected to the PCC for a further term were Lyons O'Keeffe, Lynda Coleman and Mair Rabagliati. Paul Sinclair and Pat Spencer were elected to Deanery Synod.

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY—following the visit of Michael Green the week before lockdown back in March, we were not able to hold our Easter collection in aid of CMS. The PCC have agreed to donate £300—but will welcome individual donations towards this total amount. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope, writing CMS on the front. Cheques to be made payable to PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet by Zoom on Tuesday 20 October at 4pm to discuss **Bad Blood** by **Lorna Sage**. We have already read this book but we think it deserves a second read and, as it was a Church Times recommendation, we have the questions. It is a memoir of a childhood in a vicarage in the 40s and 50s. The book won the Whitbread prize for biography in 2000.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. Envelopes can be left in the offertory plate as usual. If you wish to contribute via your bank, the church bank details are: **PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon: CAF Bank. Sort code: 40-52-40. Account number: 00029176.** Cheques can be made payable to **PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to the Planned Giving Officer, Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ.** If you require any further help, please contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com
Thank you. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

WIMBLETON FOODBANK is very busy and urgently need these items: Long life squash/juice; Sugar; Treats (crisps, chocolates, cereal bars); Tinned Soup; Custard/rice pudding. Financial donations would also be welcome. Thank you.

JUNIOR CHURCH AND STEPPING UP CHURCH are currently suspended until we all see how it is working with the children getting used to being back at school. We will review soon. At the back of Church on the round tables and on the rectangular table in the opposite corner there will be pens and paper for colouring. The Truman Room is also available for babies and very young children and their parents.

COPSE HILL will be closed for resurfacing for 3 days or so this coming week. We understand that diversions will be in place.