

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

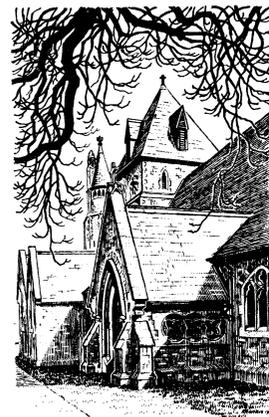
Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*Luke 12. 32-40*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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**Sunday 11 August 2019**  
**Trinity 8**



### Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens  
of your love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed  
with your body be refreshed with the fullness  
of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

### Green Prayer

Father, we pray for all who work closely  
with the natural world,  
For farmers and gardeners  
who grow our food,  
For scientists and technologists  
who probe the secrets of life,  
For foresters who plant and harvest trees,  
For photographers, artists and poets  
who capture beauty for others to see,  
For conservationists and all  
who guard the precious heritage  
of the earth. Amen.

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### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

#### READINGS:

Heb. 11. 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12. 32-40

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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#### HYMNS

19, 64, 634, 306, 752

### 6.30pm Evening Prayer

#### READINGS:

Gen 50. 4-end

1 Cor 14. 1-19

#### HYMNS

636, 473, 624

Psalms 108



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:** Michael Green,  
Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn

**Those who have died:** John Hamilton; Jenny Traynor;  
Maureen Kidd

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:**  
Geoffrey Tanner

### Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 13 AUGUST

**11am** Morning Prayer

**12 noon** Funeral of John Hamilton

### Thursday 15 AUGUST

No Brass Group

### Friday 16 AUGUST

No Choir Practice

## NEXT SUNDAY 18 AUGUST — TRINITY 9

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

**6.30pm BCP Evensong**

### Tuesday 20 AUGUST

Organ tuning all day

**No Morning Prayer**

### Thursday 22 AUGUST

No Brass Group

### Friday 23 AUGUST

No Choir Practice

**DURING AUGUST** there will be some drawing activities in the Truman Room for our younger members.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we are commemorating the 160th anniversary of the Church dedication (on 15 August 1859). Pat Spencer and Naomi Lowe have created a display with many thanks to them. Do take time to have a look at our history!

**SUMMER EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWS** has been published. Thank you to Naomi and Brenda for creating a wonderful edition and to all who contributed. Copies are freely available—take yours now. The suggested donation is £2.50p.

**CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY** In the season of Creationtide we will think about God's Earth and all creation: The biblical mandate to care and the reality of climate change, pollution and extinctions. You are invited to contribute photographs, pictures, artwork and objects for this year's display in church – perhaps something that interests you over the summer or makes you wonder at creation. Please put contributions in the box at the back of church by the 25<sup>th</sup> August.

**HALL REFURBISHMENT** has begun. A reminder during refurbishment work: the car park, main hall, kitchen & front of hall toilets are all out of use until mid September. New toilets at the back of the hall will always be available during this time. We regret there will be no disabled toilet access.

**WE HAVE TO REPLACE THE GAS COOKER IN THE HALL** with an electric one. We think this will cost about £900. If anyone would like to contribute towards this, please let Stefan Bown know. Thank you.

**TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA on Thursday August 29** will be going to the Windmill for 3pm Please sign the list if you would welcome a lift.

**160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST CHURCH on Sunday 8 September after the 10am Service.** We are planning a bring and share substantial nibbles and prosecco, to celebrate at the back of Church. The Hall will still be closed so we can't do a bring and share lunch. Please look for the list at the back of Church to see if there is anything you would like to bring. We are planning some fun activities and will let you all know details a little bit nearer the time. Meanwhile please put into your diaries.

Please can you bring to Church prior to the event, a memento of something that reminds you of Christ Church – it could be a photograph or an item, and Tish will photograph it for a slide show for the event.

**AUSTIN AND ROBIN COULBER** are taking part in the Muddy Kids Challenge on 31st August to raise money for Cancer Research in memory of their grandma, Sue Rocksborough Smith. It's an obstacle course in Morden Hall Park involving lots of mud! Members of the congregation are invited to sponsor them. We have a donation page on the Cancer Research website for online donations: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/austin-robin-coulber> Alternatively donations can be handed to Michael in a marked envelope.

**CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH** - The PCC has unanimously agreed to the formation of a new group at Christ Church to promote caring for God's earth and work towards an Eco Church Award. It will reflect on five areas of church life and come up with actions to take in worship and teaching; management of church buildings; management of church land; community and global engagement and lifestyle. If you're interested in getting involved please let Lucy Christie know: [lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk](mailto:lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk) 020 8540 9862.

### DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise funds for Christ Church. Simply visit the site, nominate Christ Church West Wimbledon as the cause you want to support and go to your chosen retailer. We receive a small percentage of every purchase you make with participating businesses including John Lewis, Argos, Boots, Sainsbury's, Next, Amazon and more.

**ABUNDANCE FRUIT DAY** 11am-2.30pm on Sat 14 Sept at St Mark's Church garden (behind Wimbledon Library) SW19 7ND. Come and buy home-made jams, fruit juice, cakes and desserts - all made with local fruit that would otherwise be wasted. Local honey, pie-making, music from the International Ukulele Orchestra and children's games - and lots more. Everyone is welcome and entrance is FREE Find out more at [www.abundancewimbledon.com](http://www.abundancewimbledon.com).

**GDPR** We have updated our privacy notice in line with a revised draft from the diocese. We do not propose to send copies to individuals unless you are unable to access it on the website.

**NEW AREA DEAN OF MERTON** is the Reverend Rachel Taylor, Vicar of Holy Cross Motspur Park.