

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

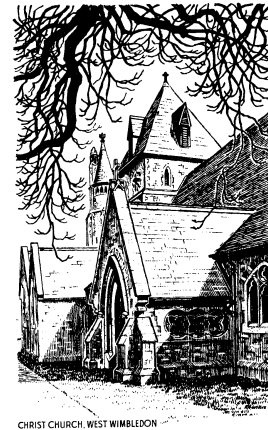
My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4. 1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Matthew 22. 1-14



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Sunday 11 OCTOBER 2020
18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation
which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast: for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at the table where you
reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Dear loving Father,
we are sorry for destroying your world.
We are sorry for the pollution of the sea
and for pouring gallons of oil into it every year.
We are sorry for the car fumes in the atmosphere,
for acid rain and all the things it destroys.
We are sorry for the destruction of animals
and their homes, and for litter in the streets.
Please help us to make our world a better place.

Amen.

O God, the whole of creation groans.
Set us free and make us whole
(*Geraldine Murphy, aged 10*)

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

READINGS:

Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

6.30pm BCP EVENING PRAYER (said)

READINGS:

Isaiah 50.4-10; Luke 13.22-30

Psalm 138

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:

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

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 13: 8pm Deanery Synod Meeting
on Zoom

WEDNESDAY 14: Church open from 10am to 12

NEXT SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

TRINITY 19/ST LUKE

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer (said)

COVID 19 UPDATE: We look forward to seeing those who are able to attend or watch via Zoom. We are sorry that the Zoom link failed last week but hope it will work now.

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: 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? **PLEASE PLACE GIFTS IN THE BLUE ENVELOPES.**

THANK YOU to everyone who brought gifts last week—much appreciated.

IAN CHRISTIE'S TALK last Sunday is on the website.

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.

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)

WIMBLEDON 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. 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.

CHURCH AND HALL SECURITY – if you see anything suspicious around the buildings or find a door unexpectedly unlocked (and the building unoccupied), please let us know immediately. Similarly, would all Hall and Church keyholders ensure that they lock up carefully after they have been in either building at any time. Thank you.

