

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Romans 14.1-12*

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*Matthew 18.21-35*



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**Sunday 13 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



### Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted  
and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life  
and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness  
and peace, that all the world may  
acknowledge the kingdom of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

**8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10am PARISH EUCHARIST**

#### READINGS:

Romans 14. 1-12; Matthew 18. 21-35

**6.30pm BCP EVENING PRAYER (said)**

#### READINGS:

Isaiah 44. 24-54.8; Revelation 12. 1-12

Psalms 119. 65-88

### Green Prayer

Dear Father,  
you have given us matchless gifts  
in the realm of science and technology.  
Help us to understand that you alone  
are the source of all truth and understanding.  
Let us never be blinded by the lure of the  
market-place or tempted to put at risk  
the lives and health of our fellow-humans.  
Watch over our motives, loving Father,  
that we may always give prime place  
to the furtherance of your Kingdom.  
This we ask in the name of your Son,  
who died that we might live. **Amen.**

### 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; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Sachin Shah;

**Those who have died:** Peter Christie

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:** Franklin Hancock (2007); Diana Stephenson (2011)

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

**WEDNESDAYS: Church open from 10am to 12**

### NEXT SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER-TRINITY 15

**8am BCP Holy Communion**

**10am Parish Eucharist (said)**

**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.

**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 in very early October. 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.

**CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY**—many thanks to all those who have contributed items and to Lucy Christie who has displayed everything to full effect. Do have a look and marvel at the beauty of creation.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be celebrated on **SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER**. 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 either on Wednesday 30 September between 10 and 12 noon or to a service on 4 October.

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](http://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?

**THE BOOK CLUB** will meet by Zoom on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm to discuss **Bad Blood** by **Lorna Sage**. We have already read this book back in the mists of time in 2002 but none of us remember the details and 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.

**NEW ACTING CHURCHWARDENS** are Tish Mousell and Julie Grainger. They were unanimously confirmed by the PCC recently. Their appointment will be officially ratified at the APCM. In the meantime we are very grateful indeed to David Simpson for his term of office, particularly during this past 18 months as the sole Churchwarden. We wish him a happy 'retirement' from this office and trust there will be many hungry fish just waiting to be caught!

**WOOL NEEDED:** Tish Mousell is making blankets to sell to raise funds for our Syrian project and wool is expensive. If anyone had any spare balls of wool that they didn't need, she is willing to take anything.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** is the list of members of Christ Church over 16. Most people are on the current list—but if you are new(ish) to the Church and would like to join, please complete a pink form available in the cross aisle. **TODAY IS THE CLOSING DATE.**

**APCM:** The date of Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on **Wednesday 23 September at 8pm**. It will be held in Church and there will be the opportunity to join the meeting by Zoom for those unable to be present in Church. **IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM, PLEASE CAN YOU EMAIL MICHAEL AND HE WILL FORWARD THE ZOOM LINK.**

Please collect the papers today—and please note that the reports were, in the main, written before lockdown:

1. The 2019 Accounts (white booklet)
2. The 2019 Reports (white booklet)
3. The 2019 Vicar's Report (pink)
4. The 2019 APCM Minutes (yellow)
5. The 2020 APCM Agenda (green)
6. The 2019 Garden report (white)
7. An update on the Hall use during Covid (white)

**THE CHURCH HALL** is now open to regular hirers. We are very grateful to Stefan Bown who has worked very hard to create a safe space. However, for the time being, we are not accepting any bookings for children's parties—not least because these are not permitted under current Government guidelines.

**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 do feel free to contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman [lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com](mailto:lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com)  
Thank you. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

**WIMBLETON FOODBANK** is very busy and urgently need these items: Tinned Veg/potatoes/mash; Soup; Noodles; Toothpaste; Soap. Financial donations would also be welcome. Thank you.