

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

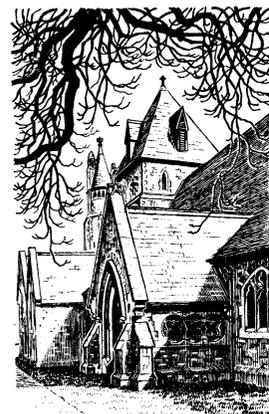
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5.1–11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

John 4.5–42



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Sunday 15 March 2020 Third Sunday of Lent



Collect

Eternal God,

give us insight to discern your will
for us, to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand
the temptation of the world,
the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

*(Part of St Patrick's Breastplate prayer,
attributed to St Patrick)*

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READINGS FOR THIS MORNING:

Romans 5. 1-11; John 4.5-42

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

HYMNS: 12, 727, 636, 554

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Joshua 1. 1-9; Ephesians 6. 10-20

HYMNS: 373, 590, 333

PSALM: 40

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died: Derek Robinson; Daphne Hall

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Doreen Howell (2011); Ian Stewart (2002)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

11am Morning Prayer

2pm + 8pm Lent Group (3) in the Truman Room

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group in the Hall

2.30pm Memorial Service for Derek Robinson

8.00pm Eco Group Meeting in the Truman Room

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

8pm Brass Group in Church

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

7.30pm KFH go bowling

NEXT SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

8.45am Choir Practice

10am Parish Eucharist

followed by refreshments and cake sale in the Hall

6.30pm BCP Evensong

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

11am Morning Prayer

2pm + 8pm Lent Group (4) in the Truman Room

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

9.30am Christ Church Toddler Group in the Hall

8.00pm PCC Meeting in the Truman Room

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

12 noon Funeral of Daphne Hall

3pm Together on Thursday

8pm Brass Group in Church

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

8.30pm Earth Hour—switch off lights for an hour if you can.

Clocks go forward one hour tonight



A WARM WELCOME to Michael Green from the Church Mission Society who speaks at our 10am service today.

CORONAVIRUS AND COMMUNION

Two important changes ordered by the Church of England this week:

1. **The administration of wine at Communion is suspended until further notice.**
2. **Do not shake hands at the peace but greet one another in non-contact ways! Do be inventive!**

Please be assured that it is Anglican teaching that receiving the Communion wafer is regarded as having received the sacrament in its entirety. Michael.

THE VISIT OF FR MOFFAT AND HIS WIFE TOGETHER WITH OTHER CLERGY FROM ZIMBABWE has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. It is hoped the visit might be re-arranged in the future. Thank you very much to those who kindly offered to host and escort and to Jenny Tomlinson for her co-ordination work.

BISHOP'S LENT CALL display is on the notice board outlining the various projects being supported this year. Donations will be welcome—one of the projects is the Church in Zimbabwe so we hope you will give generously. **Please use the BLUE giving envelopes in the cross aisle**

MARMALADE Marion would like to thank all those who bought marmalade last month. She has raised £200 which will go towards Mondo Foundation, Kalimpong.

LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION It's not too late to join the Christ Church 2020 Lenten Fast for Creation. Pick up a weekly plan leaflet at church and follow the actions each week to show you care for God's world this Lent. The Church of England has a focus on the environment for Lent and there are free booklets with more ideas at the back of church.

GIVING ENVELOPES are available for users to collect them. If anyone else who regularly uses Gift Aid envelopes to put their collection money in would like a free set of numbered ones would they please Lynda Coleman.

EASTER CARDS for delivery to the parish are available in bundles now. They need to be delivered by April 5. Please can you help by taking a bundle or two?

EASTER LILIES If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Church, in memory of a loved one, there is a collection box and list at the back of church.

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH Next meeting is in the Truman Room from 8.00 - 9.30pm on Wednesday 18 March. A group to promote caring for God's earth and working towards an Eco Church Award. Everyone is welcome to come along to contribute to plans or contact Lucy Christie to find out more or if you want to get involved but can't come to the meeting. 020 8540 9862 or lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk. Information at www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk

HALL CAR PARK: Parking for the 10am Sunday service in the Hall car park and beside the coned off area on Copse Hill are reserved for drivers and passengers who have limited mobility and need to be close to church. Please would other drivers park elsewhere.

WILD FLOWER CARDS We have reprinted the lovely 'Wild Flower' cards that Louise Schenck painted last year. They are the perfect Easter Card featuring flowers from the old wild garden. If you want to buy one, they are for sale at the Traidcraft stall for £1 each. Proceeds going to Church funds.

TALK AT LEATHERHEAD on 26 MARCH Be the change you want to see in the World, by Jenny Sebastian, Holistic Therapist. We can all make small changes to our lifestyles for the greater good of our health and the health of Mother Earth. Jenny will be sharing changes she has made in the home and her work to contribute to reducing our waste and our carbon footprint. See flyer at the back of church or speak to Hazel Bate Tel: 07962 811990 for more info.

NEW EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWS was published last week. It's a wonderful edition – so do collect your copy today. Thank you to Naomi and Brenda and all those who have contributed.

ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS (pink) are available now from the cross aisle. If you are on the existing roll, you do not have to do anything! If you are new to the church do consider filling a form in – they are for any regular worshipper over 16. Forms must be returned by 28 March.

MARK'S GOSPEL LIVE on Saturday March 28 at 5pm at St John's Spencer Hill. The Rev'd Joseph Morris – a former actor - has performed his one-man show across the U.S., U.K. and Canada, including Southwark Cathedral in 2016. This is a superb way for anyone of all any age to prepare for Holy Week. Admission: suggested donation of £10. 2hrs with interval. Refreshments from 4:30pm.

DAPHNE HALL, the widow of Chris Hall, organist at Christ Church till 2003, has died and her funeral is on THURSDAY 26 MARCH at 12 noon at church. All are welcome.