

*Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32*

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Matthew 15. 21–28*

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

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



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**Sunday 16 AUGUST 2020**  
**10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



**Collect**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Green Prayer**

Dear Father, we cannot spread care for your creation throughout the world, but help us to begin where we are. Make us honest and careful in all our dealings, true in our words and actions. We cannot alter the course of a suffering and unjust world, but help us to light candles in the darkness in the name of your Son Jesus Christ who at his glorious Day of Judgement will herald the triumph of Justice and Peace.

**Amen.**

**SUNDAY 16th AUGUST**

**8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**READINGS:**

Romans 11. 1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15. 21-28

**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; Sachin Shah.

**We pray** for the people of Lebanon.

**Pray also** for those who have the COVID-19 virus and those who are working to treat them.

**Those who have died:**

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:** Jane Little (2016)

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

## NEXT SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020

### TRINITY 11

**8am BCP Holy Communion**

**10am Parish Eucharist**



**WANT TO GO FURTHER WITH GOD?** One way of growing in your relationship with God is by having a spiritual director. The idea is that you meet with this person (who is like a coach or a mentor in the Christian life) every 4-6 weeks, to reflect on what God might be saying and doing in your life. I am about to enter my third year in training to become a spiritual director, and am looking for people to offer spiritual direction to from the autumn till next June. Normally there is a fee for this ministry, but, since I'm training, the sessions will all be gratis. If you're interested, do let me know. Revd Clive Gardner, Vicar of St Mark's Church Wimbledon, 020 8944 0184 or email [clivegardner@outlook.com](mailto:clivegardner@outlook.com)

## DATES FOR AUGUST 2020

### **Wednesday 19**

10am – 12 noon Church open for prayer

8pm Eco-Church Zoom Meeting—contact Lucy Christie for details

### **Sunday 23**

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

### **Wednesday 26**

10am – 12 noon Church open for prayer

### **Sunday 30**

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

### **CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY**

Once again, we will celebrate Creationtide at Christ Church with a display of pictures, photographs, paintings and objects from church members. The focus will be on our appreciation of nature during the Covid-19 restrictions & our local green spaces but all contributions on the theme of creation and care for the earth are welcome. Please leave your contribution at church by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at the latest. If you're not able to attend services, you may be able to put items through the letter box. If that's not possible, please contact Lucy Christie to arrange an alternative drop off, collection, printing, etc. 020 8540 9862.

### **FREE WORKSHOPS**

Merton Uplift, an NHS mental health service providing free mental health workshops and courses to those in Merton. Given recent events, there has been a surge in mental health difficulties and now with more people being isolated at home or anxious about returning to normal life they are able to reach to the wider community by offering online workshops and courses. Self-referral forms can be found on <https://www.mertonuplift.nhs.uk/home/about-us> or alternatively be referred by your GP. They aim to be an inclusive service ensuring that everyone is able to manage their own mental health with support.

**EVENSONG** will start again every Sunday evening at 6.30pm from **SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**. Please note, however, that the service has to be said for the time being.

**GRACE TAPPING** has now moved to live at Kelstone Court Care Home, 153 Camborne Road, Morden, SM4 4JN and is settling well. Please do send her a card if you wish, as visits are still not currently permitted.

**FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH** – an update from our Treasurer on 6 August. For the 6 month period to 30 June the provisional financial result of the church is a deficit of £8,000 compared to the budgeted position where income covers costs. Overall for the year we may have a deficit of around £20,000. Thank you to those of you who are continuing to contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. Now that services have begun again, 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)

**WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** is very busy and urgently need these items: tinned Veg/Fruit/Meat, Ketchup, Custard/Rice pudding, UHT milk, Pads, Bags for life (except Waitrose), Mash, Baked beans, Toothpaste, Shower gel, Shampoo **Items can be brought to the Church on Sunday or Wednesday mornings.** Thank you.