

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Luke 12.49–56



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Sunday 18 August 2019
Trinity 9



Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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 18 August 2019
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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Heb 11. 29 -12.2

Luke 12.49-56

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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HYMNS

87,73, 622, 524, 12

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Isa 28. 9-22

2 Cor 8.1-9

HYMNS

108, 77, 36

Psalms 119.17-24



FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died: John Hamilton.

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:
Jane Little (2016), John Castle (2005)

Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20 AUGUST

Organ tuning all day

No Morning Prayer

Thursday 22 AUGUST

No Brass Group

Friday 23 AUGUST

No Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 25 AUGUST — TRINITY 10

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

Tuesday 27 AUGUST

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Social Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28 AUGUST

7.00pm Wedding Rehearsal

8.00pm Eco Church Meeting, Truman Room

Thursday 29 AUGUST

3.00pm **Together on Thursday** are meeting at
the Windmill for tea

No Brass Group

Friday 30 AUGUST

No Choir Practice

Saturday 31 AUGUST

4.00pm Wedding

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

TODAY 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!

160th 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 can bring—there are lots of suggestions for finger food. Please do offer.** We are planning some fun activities and will let you all know details soon.

ALSO—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.

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 25th August.

HALL REFURBISHMENT continues. 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.

THANK YOU to Mike Hammond who has offered to buy a new fridge freezer and to Tim Dabbs who has offered to buy a new electric cooker for the newly refurbished Hall kitchen. The cost of the new kitchen has been funded by a legacy from the estate of Miss Jean Patricia Guthman and by a grant from the Peter and Teresa Harris Charitable Trust.

BLINDS FOR THE HALL are needed and we think these may cost in the region of £3,500+. We are grateful to Wendy Hamilton for agreeing that donations collected at John's funeral be put towards this expenditure. This amounted to £1,125. If anyone else wishes to donate towards this item, please do let Michael know. Thank you for these generous gifts.

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.

URGENT Food Bank Supplies Low—Wimbledon Food Bank is dangerously low on supplies and has sent out an urgent appeal. Referrals increase during school holidays as families struggle to provide for children who receive a free school meal in term time while many donors are away this month. Urgent needs are currently tinned tomatoes, custard, rice pudding, soup, curry and stew. Also noodles, sugar, snacks and chocolate bars. There is a box for donations at the back of church. Please help if you can.

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.

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.

ECO-CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH— A new group has formed 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. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 28th August at 8pm** in the Truman Room. If you're interested in getting involved please let Lucy Christie know and if you can come to the meeting. 020 8540 9862 or

lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk

More information at www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk

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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.

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