

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

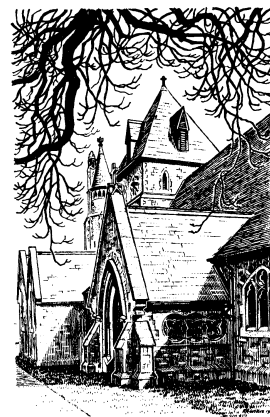
For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Philippians 1.21–30*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

*Matthew 20.1-16*



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**Sunday 20 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



### Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

**8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10am PARISH EUCHARIST**

### READINGS:

Philippians 1.21–30; Matthew 20.1-16

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

### READINGS:

Proverbs 3.13-18; Matthew 9. 9-13

Psalm 49

### Green Prayer

Creator God, we commend to your care all the scientists and others who are engaged in finding new sources of energy, all who are seeking solutions to environmental problems and ways to provide enough food and water for our growing populations. Please be with them as they search for solutions to the many environmental problems that the world faces. **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:**

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:** Alec Morley (2009); Richard Lowe (2017); Elizabeth Fleming (2017)

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

### THIS WEEK:

**WEDNESDAY 23:** Church open from 10am to 12 8pm—ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

**NEXT SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER-TRINITY 16**

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 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 CHURCHWARDENS ELECT** are Tish Mousell and Julie Grainger. They were unanimously confirmed by the PCC recently. Their appointment will be officially ratified at the APCM on Wednesday.

**NOTE they have new email addresses for your use:**

**TISH MOUSELL:** [ccww.warden1@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.warden1@gmail.com)

**JULIE GRAINGER:** [ccww.warden2@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.warden2@gmail.com)

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!

**WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** is very busy and urgently need these items: Long life squash / juice; Custard / Rice pudding; Soup; Noodles; Tinned veg (excluding pulses). Financial donations would also be welcome. Thank you.

**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:

It would be helpful if any questions could be submitted in advance—and indeed items of Any Other Business must be submitted in advance.

**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)

**FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATOR FOR CHRISTIAN CARE:** Family support - the provision of food and other household essentials - is about giving families who are really struggling to provide for their children a measure of food security, as well as making an emergency response to others in crisis. The current Coordinator has been in the role for 5 years and has set up a superb system of organisation for the scheme. To find out more visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or contact the CARE Coordinator by email or phone [gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk](mailto:gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk) / 07932 628 840. Do also speak to Pat Spencer if you'd like to know more.

**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.