

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

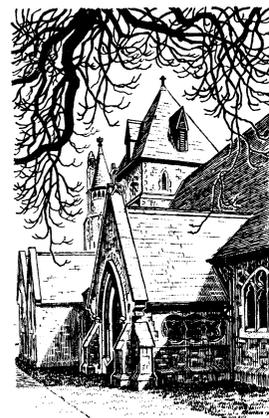
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1. 15-28

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Luke 10. 38-end



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Sunday 21 July 2019

Trinity 5



Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

Heavenly Father, we face hard choices as we confront the realities of climate change and the depletion of natural resources.

Help us to understand the opportunities offered by a return to a simpler lifestyle.

Help us to fulfil our responsibilities to those suffering from our careless use of natural resources, and give us the resilience to adopt a lifestyle that is fairer to others and gentler on your world. Amen.

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Col. 1. 15-28

Luke 10. 38-end

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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Luke 10. 38-end

HYMNS

19, 134, 575, 408

11.45am Carter House Service

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

2 Cor. 5. 14-17

John 20. 1-2, 11-18

HYMNS

372, 274, 465

Psalms 139



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:

Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

THIS WEEK

Monday 22 July

8pm Refugee Working Group at the Vicarage

Tuesday 23 July

11am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24 July

12 noon Organ Blower Service

Thursday 25 July

8pm Brass Group

Friday 26 July

7.30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 28 JULY — TRINITY 6

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

*with 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for
Chris and Veronica Watts from Dorking*

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 30 July

11am Morning Prayer

Thursday 1 August

No Brass Group

Friday 2 August

No Choir Practice

HARRY WATSON would always welcome visitors at Carter House, Please sign the list if you plan to go to see him. **The next service with Harry will be TODAY at 11.45am.**

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 begins tomorrow. 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. Regret there will be no disabled toilet access until September.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME IN MAY – to date there have been 30 positive responses received of which 3 are new contributors. If all the pledges are fulfilled this will result in an annual increase of just under £6,000 per year. Thank you. Inevitably there have been a few reductions in giving and we have lost two generous contributors. But it is encouraging that we are holding our own financially. It is not too late to return your completed response form! They can be placed in the red box in church.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed for a summer break until 9.30am on Tuesday 6 August.

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH - The PCC has unanimously agreed to the formation of a new group at Christ Church 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. If you're interested in getting involved please let Lucy Christie know: lerhaynes@doctors.net.uk or 020 8540 9862.

Information at www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

BACK GARDEN AT CHRIST CHURCH—we would like to carry out some major work to create a new garden at the rear of the Hall. We have received one quote and would like to hear of any firms you might know and could recommend who could give another quote. Please let Michael or Hazel Bate know if you can supply any details.

MANY THANKS to Liz Errington for offering to co-ordinate the Church cleaning rota – and to all those who work hard behind the scenes to keep the church looking neat and tidy and clean.

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. or email abundancewimbledon@gmail.com