

Romans 12.1–8

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13–20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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**Sunday 23 AUGUST 2020**  
**11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



#### Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us  
from seeking your kingdom, and to give all  
that we have to gain the pearl beyond all  
price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people  
have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings par-  
don and peace: by our communion keep  
us firm on the foundation of the gospel and  
preserve us from all sin; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Green Prayer

Father, we pray that when the interests  
and aspirations of nations conflict  
with one another over the natural  
resources that you have provided for us,  
their leaders may not turn to war,  
but together seek a just and acceptable  
way forward, so that suspicions may be  
allayed, misunderstandings clarified,  
violence averted and peace preserved.

We ask this

in the name of Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(L. Cumings)*

#### **SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST**

**8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10am PARISH EUCHARIST**

#### **READINGS:**

Romans 12. 1-8

Matthew 16. 13-20

#### **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.

**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:** John Castle (2005); Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn (2019)

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

**WEDNESDAYS**—Church open from 10am to 12 noon for quiet prayer.

**NEXT SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020**

**TRINITY 12**

**8am BCP Holy Communion**

**10am Parish Eucharist**

**WE CONTINUE TO ZOOM** our 10am service each Sunday. For copyright reasons, these cannot be recorded or placed on the website. We hope that those unable to be in church at the present time can participate in this way. We are very grateful to the Archdeacon of Lambeth for a grant of £500 to cover the cost of the necessary equipment—and to Stefan, Tish and Hazel who are assisting in its operation.

**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.

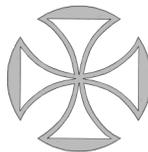
## CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY

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 next 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.

**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)



**ELECTORAL ROLL** is the list of members of Christ Church over 16. Most people are on the current list—but if you are new(ish) to the Church and would like to join, please complete a pink form available in the cross aisle. It is hoped that a new date for the delayed 2020 Church Annual Meeting can be announced soon. At the moment we do not know in what form the APCM will take because of current restrictions.

**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 left in the Church on Sunday or Wednesday mornings.** Thank you.