

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.18–29

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Luke 13.10–17



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Sunday 25 August 2019
Trinity 10



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

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.
(L. Cumings)

Sunday 25 August 2019
Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

Heb 12. 18-end

Luke 13. 10-17

10.00am Parish Eucharist

READINGS:

Heb 12. 18-end

Luke 13. 10-17

HYMNS

144, 63, 515, 60, 324

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Isa 30. 8-21

2 Cor 9.

HYMNS

555, 536, 2

Psalms 119. 49-56



FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

THIS WEEK

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—ALL WELCOME

No Brass Group

Friday 30 AUGUST

No Choir Practice

Saturday 31 AUGUST

4.00pm Wedding

NEXT SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER — TRINITY 11

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Celebrate Together with Baptism

12.00 Noon Baptism Service

6.30pm BCP Evensong

Tuesday 3 SEPTEMBER

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Book Club at 3 Elm Walk

Thursday 5 SEPTEMBER

6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 6 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7 SEPTEMBER

2.00pm Wedding

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

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. Some beautiful cards designed by Louise Schenck will be on sale—so bring some money with you on the 8th!

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 those members of the congregation who have contributed £350 towards a new cooker. Further donations will be welcome. 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 £1,303, including Gift Aid. 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.

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.arocha.org.uk

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Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and raise funds for Christ Church. Simply visit the site, nominate Christ Church West Wimbledon as the cause you want to support and go to your chosen retailer. We receive a small percentage of every purchase you make with participating businesses including John Lewis, Argos, Boots, Sainsbury's, Next and Amazon.

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.