

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2.1–8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22.34–46



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Sunday 25 OCTOBER 2020
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful
in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us
by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

Green Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you have called us
to be your witnesses on earth.
Help us to proclaim,
by word and deed,
the message of your love
to all humankind,
and to declare your lordship
over creation
and our responsibility
as your stewards.
Amen.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am-12 noon Church open for quiet
prayer - all welcome

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

READINGS:

1 Thess. 2.1-8; Matthew 22. 34-end

6.30pm BCP EVENING PRAYER (said)

READINGS:

Isaiah 59. 9-20; Luke 14. 1-14

Psalms 119. 137-152



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Hilary Brazier; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Edith Bown; Christine Kernan; Sachin Shah;

Those who have died: Timothy Cole

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Rosemary Dabbs (2010)

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

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 27: 10.15am Parish Finance Committee Meeting—on Zoom

WEDNESDAY 28: Church open from 10am to 12

NEXT SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS DAY

8am BCP Holy Communion

(The Revd Judith Bersweden)

10am Parish Eucharist

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6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer (said)

COVID 19 UPDATE: 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 and in a maximum group of 6. This is one really important change to our life to observe so that none are put at any unnecessary risk while in church—and complies with the new rules of Tier 2.

HARVEST: 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. **PLEASE PLACE GIFTS IN THE BLUE ENVELOPES.**

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH: Please sign the Climate Coalition's Declaration.

https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/action/reboot_declaration_2020

As part of our work towards an Eco Church Award, we are asking the Christ Church congregation to support Tearfund's Reboot Campaign. Tearfund are a Christian international development charity and this campaign focuses on rebooting the economy in a fair and sustainable way. Let the Prime Minister know how you feel.

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY—following the visit of Michael Green the week before lockdown back in March, we were not able to hold our Easter collection in aid of CMS. The PCC have agreed to donate £300—but will welcome individual donations towards this total amount. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope, writing CMS on the front. Cheques to be made payable to PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon.

WIMBLEDON INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL is going online from 13-22 November with intimate performances by some of the UK's finest international artists. The Festival presents a series of 'recitals with attitude' as each artist explores their personal relationship with the music they perform. For information and tickets visit www.wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK is very busy and urgently need these items: Toilet rolls, Pasta Sauce, Noodles, Instant Mash, Sugar (500 grams), Tinned meat. Financial donations would also be welcome. Thanks.

GARDEN WORK has been moving on apace. Thanks to everyone involved. There are some black bags for the local tip if anyone could take a few away with them?

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – we will be observing our usual two minute silence at 11am, following the 10am service.

ALL SOULS SERVICE—Normally we also hold an evening service to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have died, particularly in the preceding twelve months. This year we will be unable to hold the service in church. However, I will be leading a short commemoration service on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 at 6pm**, lasting about 10 minutes. There are two possible ways you may wish to be involved this year: You can pause at 6pm on Remembrance Sunday wherever you are, light a candle and remember privately, perhaps using the short service and prayers on the sheet which are available in church. Or you can link in to the commemoration via Zoom. If you want to do that, can you email me by **Thursday 5 November** and I will send you the Zoom link on Friday 6 November. You will be welcome to forward the Zoom link to any members of your family, but for security reasons, please restrict your circulation of the Zoom link to those you know. Note that I will not be reading out the names of those to be remembered, encouraging you to do that privately during the time of silence. The families of those who have died in this past year have also received a letter with a candle, outlining this year's arrangements.

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 contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com
Thank you. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

JUNIOR CHURCH AND STEPPING UP CHURCH are currently suspended. 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.