

Romans 8. 26 - end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13. 31-33; 44-52

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable:

'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'



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Sunday 26 JULY 2020
FEAST OF ST JAMES



Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life, ever giving himself
that the world may live: may we so receive within
ourselves the power of his death
and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect
in his love; for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Father God,
grant us the serenity to accept
the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things
we can, and the wisdom
to know the difference.

Amen.

(Reinhold Niebuhr)

SUNDAY 26th JULY

10am Morning Service (on Zoom)

READINGS:

Romans 8. 26-end

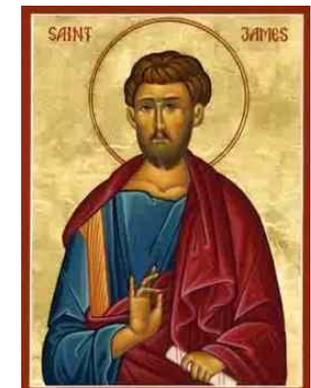
Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

HYMNS

408, 435, 324

EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY

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, particularly those members of Christ Church who work for the NHS.

Those who have died:

We also pray for those known and unknown who have died from the COVID-19 virus

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Margaret Luddington (2001)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020

TRINITY 8

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist



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 Sunday 30th 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.

DATES FOR AUGUST 2020

Sunday 2

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 5

10am – 12 noon Church open for prayer

Sunday 9

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 12

10am – 12 noon Church open for prayer

Thursday 13

5pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday 15

1pm Wedding of Laura and Stuart

Sunday 16

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 19

10am – 12 noon Church open for prayer

Sunday 23

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 26

10am – 12 noon Church open for prayer

Sunday 30

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

CHURCH WILL RE-OPEN ON 2 AUGUST with our 8am and 10am Services. Please see the full details on the website, outlining what measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of all.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – an update from our Treasurer on 21st July: The consequences of Covid have seriously affected the financial position of many individuals, charities, businesses and other organisations. At Christ Church we are attempting to support our congregation and the wider community as best we can. **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.** The results were affected mainly by the loss of our Sunday cash collections and by the ongoing closure of the hall. However we have fortunately not had to spend anything on major church repairs. Overall for the year we may have a deficit of around £20,000. We are continuing to make our promised contribution to the Diocese of £7,000 per month, for which they are most grateful, as well as paying salaries, insurance etc. However, as a parish we are relatively well placed as we have cash to cover the losses of this year. Thank you to those of you who are continuing to contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. If you contribute to planned giving through envelopes, we would be grateful if you could continue, or preferably pay directly through the bank. If you are someone who usually gives via the collection plate and are not in financially difficult circumstances, we wonder if you might consider taking out a standing order via your bank or by sending a cheque? In recent weeks around 10 people who give through envelopes have donated electronically and by cheque. We would welcome it if these contributions could be made regularly. The church bank details are: **The 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 We will keep you updated as the position changes. Thank you very much. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK is very busy and need these items: noodles/pot noodles, sugar 500g bags, tinned soup, biscuits, small washing powder packs. **Items can be brought to the Church on Sunday or Wednesday mornings from 2 August onwards.** Thank you.