

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

James 3.1–12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8.27–38



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SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

Trinity 15



Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

READINGS

James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end

HYMNS

Green Prayer

Dear Lord, I wake this morning to the glorious sight of the sun, bathing the countryside in golden light and warming not only the land but the soul. Thank you for your glorious creation, the land, sea and air; for the creatures that crawl, hop, walk, swim and fly. For the colours in the landscape, for the sun and for the rain. You have provided us on this Earth with our every need, where all life is linked in an interdependent and intricately balanced web. But the balance has gone. The humans you gave breath to have replaced 'need' with 'greed' and plundered the Earth, taking for ourselves what should be shared. Lord stop us in our tracks. **Amen.**

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am-12 noon Church open

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

Exodus 18.13-26; Matthew 7.1-14

HYMNS

Psalm 119.73-80

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Hilary Brazier; Simon; Michael Green; Simon Finch; Nick Coke; Sarah Shah; Simon Kimber; Jeremy Kimber; Rita Allen; Lindy;

Those who have died: Jenny Smith

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Franklin Hancock (2007); Simon Titterington (2020)

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 15 September: 10 till 12

Quiet Prayer—Church open

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 16

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church

The Reverend Bruce Rickards is leading and preaching at the 8am and 10am services.

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

A VERY WARM WELCOME TODAY, to the **Reverend Bruce Rickards** who is leading and preaching at the 8am and 10am services. Bruce started work recently as the newly appointed Lead Chaplain to Heathrow Airport and so we particularly pray for him in his new ministry.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to such an enjoyable and successful morning last Sunday. The sun shone, the refreshments were generous and the new garden looked stunning. We had lots of messages of thanks, particularly from our visitors. Do have a look at the memorial plaque if you haven't seen it yet—it's fixed on the corner of the hall.

2021 CHURCH FINANCES UPDATE: Despite the difficult conditions arising from the part closure of the church and the hall, the church finances in the first half of 2021 have been in balance. We have been greatly helped by a number of significant donations over and above the usual level of giving – and we are very grateful indeed to all of you who have been able to make additional donations – thank you very much indeed for your generosity. Fortunately, we have not had to do any major repairs so far and from September onwards we are hoping to expand the hall bookings. However, we have got to undertake some major work such as the pruning of the trees and the repair and redecoration of the vestry. In the autumn our 5-year electrical test is also due, which may require additional expenditure to bring our electrics in the church up to modern standards. The end result is that we are likely to have a deficit this year in operating income, so we ask for your continued support. In addition, to make progress with our finances we may be asking for donations to help with some of these capital projects. John Davey

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH: If you wish to contribute via your bank, the details of our CAF bank account, in the name of **The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon**, are **Sort code: 40-52 -40** and **Account number: 00029176**. Please can you put your name in the reference. Cheques can also be made payable to **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2. Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ**. **Please note** you must put in the full name of the account if you are setting up an online payment with your bank: **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon**

THE FUNERAL OF JENNY SMITH will take place at Putney Crematorium this Thursday 16, September at 12.15pm. All are welcome.

ABUNDANCE WIMBLEDON 11.00am - 2.30pm Saturday 18th September. At St Mark's Church Hall & Grounds St Mark's PI, Wimbledon, London SW19 7ND. Annual fruit day. Stalls selling jams, chutneys, cordials, pies, cakes & bakes, freshly-squeezed apple juice and more made from unwanted summer fruit and vegetables from local gardens.

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY 2021 - Make a Prayer Boat—Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Creationtide display this year. It's not too late to take part! In the lead up to COP26, as we celebrate and commit to care for Creation, please write a prayer, make a boat and sail it in our installation at the side altar.

CHANGING OUR PLANET: Christian and Local Action. 6—8pm Saturday 9 October in Christ Church Hall. A speaker evening in the lead up to COP26 with Q&A session organised by the Eco Church Group at Christ Church. Refreshments available. For more information please see the flier or visit www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org or email ecochurchccww@gmail.com **Tickets are free from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/166175111231**

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER—Merton residents over 60, who may live on their own, are cordially invited to join the Mayor for afternoon tea and entertainment from 3 – 4.30pm. Nominations for tickets should be submitted using the form by 17 September. Forms on the table in church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at 10am on Sunday 3rd October. Please bring gifts of food to the 8am or 10am service. Collection money will go to A Rocha Kenya. Full details will be issued in a leaflet. **THE BROWNIES** will be holding a Cake Sale—do bring **CASH** to spend on their stall!