

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

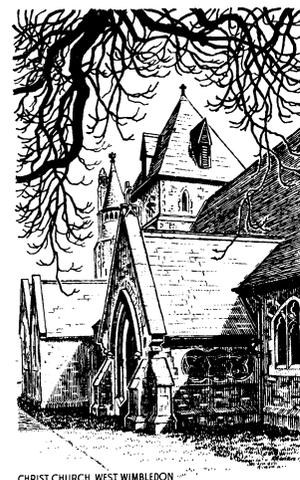
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10.1–13

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

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13.1–9



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SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT



Collect

Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptation
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

READINGS

1 Corinthians 10.10-13; Luke 13.1-9

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

HYMNS: 422, 282, 30, 324

Green Prayer

We pray for those who have no peace -
for those who are troubled
and torn apart by lack of self esteem
for those who torment and victimise
the vulnerable.

We pray for men and women
affected by violence in the home
and for those who live by violence.
We pray for those who are trafficked
and for those who organise and profit
from selling other humans.
May they learn of your love
and somehow come to newness of life
even in the midst of despair.

Amen.

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

READINGS

Genesis 28.10-19; John 1.35-end

HYMNS: 630, 590, 333; Psalm 13

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Elaine Boorer; Nick Coke; Simon Kimber; Jim Finch; Leslie Robertson.

Those who have died: Derek Williams

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Cynthia Wilkes (2020); John Turner (1999)

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 21 March

4pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting on zoom

Tuesday 22 March

8pm Eco Church Meeting in Truman Room

Wednesday 23 March

9.15-11.15am Christ Church Toddler Group in hall

10-12 noon Quiet Prayer in church

8pm Compline & Lent Reflection 3

Saturday — CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR

SUNDAY 27 MARCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Celebrate Together followed by cake sale

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

OUR ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH LIST is on the table at the back of the church. **It would be very helpful if you could place a tick against those names you would like to continue to be remembered.** Please do also add any names you wish to be remembered—or delete as appropriate

BISHOP'S LENT CALL— please have a look at the display on the mobile notice board, outlining the different projects which are being supported. Later on we will give details of how to donate to this important project.

UKRAINE—in common with everyone the world over we continue to pray for the dreadful conflict in Ukraine. The message at the moment is the need for money—so please do donate this week using the **BLUE** giving envelopes. Cheques can be made payable to THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH WEST WIMBLEDON. We ask that you don't use the contactless card reader for these donations as it is not possible for us to determine that a donation is for Ukraine. We will send the money (with any added Gift Aid) to the UK's Disasters Emergency Committee (a consortium of 15 major charities) to help the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians fleeing their country. Thank you.

ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH will be meeting in the Truman Room from 8-9pm on **Tuesday 22 March**: a group to promote caring for God's earth. Please join us if you're interested to find out more or get involved. Contact Lucy Christie via the Parish Office to find out more.

STOP PRESS: We have just been awarded the SILVER Eco-Church award. This is really good news and a **great** achievement. Many thanks to those who have been involved in this project over these past 4 years—and particular thanks go to Lucy Christie who has done so much to help us achieve this award which is a real milestone to celebrate.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE to global and local climate action through observations of the Earth from space. A talk by Prof. John Remedios, Director of the National Centre for Earth Observation. **7.30pm on SATURDAY 26 MARCH** at Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road, London SW19 4AA. A Talk followed by Question Time. Fliers at the back of church.

WWF EARTH HOUR 2022: 8.30–9.30pm on SATURDAY 26 MARCH. Earth Hour is the world's biggest switch-off event in support of nature, people and the planet. Iconic landmarks, millions of homes and businesses and political leaders across the world switch off their lights for an hour to celebrate our natural world and as a rallying call to protect it. Join in by switching off your lights, your phone and anything else you can for an hour.

WEDNESDAYS AT 8 DURING LENT 2022

On the **WEDNESDAY** evenings of Lent at **8pm in church** there will be the opportunity to come together to join in the ancient Office of Compline and then Michael will be reading a meditative chapter each week of an 8-part book by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, called '*The Things He Carried*': *A Journey to the Cross*. Each evening will last for around 30 minutes. It is hoped that this departure from our usual pattern of a Lent Course will be a welcome change in these continuing uncertain times. The dates are **March 30, April 6**—and the final 3 chapters will follow the saying of Compline on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week—**11,12 and 13 April at 8pm**. All welcome. Booking not necessary.

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**

MOTHERING SUNDAY 27 MARCH—a cake sale run by the Brownies and Guides will take place over refreshments in the hall in aid of Ukraine after the 10am service. Please bring money to spend!