

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

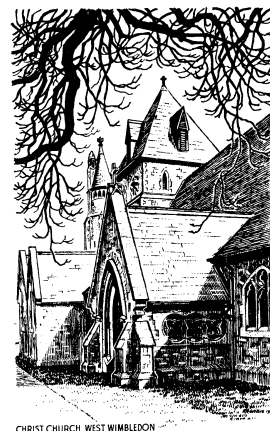
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual 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 24 March 2019

Lent 3



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.

Green Prayer

Father, we confess that we are too ready to say
'no' to any new technology – 'no' to onshore wind
farms, 'no' to tidal barrages, 'no' to anything
other than the fossil fuel supplies that feed our
addictions. Help us to make honest judgments
about the best technologies for the protection of
your creation, not forgetting that the best results
often flow from self-denial and a more
economical use of resources. Guide our leaders
as they make decisions which will affect all
future generations. This we pray
in the Name of your Son, who died for us
and for all your creation. Amen.

Sunday 24 March 2019—Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS:

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

Luke 13. 1-9

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

Luke 13. 1-9

HYMNS

422, 282, 30, 324

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS:

Genesis 3. 8-15

Galatians 4.1-4

HYMNS

630, 590, 333

Psalm 85



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Michael Green, Philip Catchpole; Ciara Smith; Anna Harris; Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn; Michael Green;

Those who have died: WIn Wallin; Mark Hollis; Mona Simpson;

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

John Turner (1999), Glenys Knight-Smith (1981), Olive Mousell (2007)

Link Parish:

The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26 March

11.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Lent Course 3, Truman Room

8.00pm Lent Course 3, Truman Room

Wednesday 27 March

8.00pm PCC Meeting, Truman Room

Thursday 28 March

3.00pm Together on Thursday—tea at the Windmill on Wimbledon Common

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 29 March

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday—CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR

NEXT SUNDAY 31 MARCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Celebrate Together followed by cake sale

6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Monday 1 April

8.00pm Book Club, Elm Walk

Tuesday 2 April

11.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Lent Course 4, Truman Room

8.00pm Lent Course 4, Truman Room

Thursday 4 April

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 5 April

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 6 April

3.30pm-5.30pm Children's Activity Afternoon, Hall

BARN DANCE was a huge success. Many thanks to Tish and all the Social Committee plus others who helped to make it so. A profit of £335 was made.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL renewal: closing date April 1

MOTHERING SUNDAY 31 MARCH—a cake sale will take place over refreshments in the Hall. But will you have remembered to put your clocks forward one hour!?

CHRIST CHURCH VISION was launched recently: collect your copy of the leaflet. The **QUESTIONNAIRE** is also available—please fill in and return to the basket in the cross aisle. One area omitted from the leaflet where help will be warmly welcome is **Flower Arranging**—please consider if this is where you could offer your time and talent.

BISHOP'S LENT CALL 2019 is now launched, supporting a range of projects overseas and at home. See the mobile notice board at the back of Church for full details. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in a **BLUE** envelope, gift aiding if you can. The closing date for the appeal is Palm Sunday, 14 April.

TRANSFORMING LIVES—a talk about prison education on **28 March at 7.30pm** at Wimbledon Synagogue. There are blue leaflets with more details at the back of the church.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL—a further session will be held on **MONDAY APRIL 8 at 2pm** for those who were unable to be present at the sessions held recently. All welcome.

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION - Holy Saturday, 20 April, 7:30pm, at St John's, SW19 4NZ: the acclaimed London chamber choir, Choir of the 21st Century, under the direction of Wimbledon conductor Max Barley, perform one of J.S. Bach's choral masterpieces, St John Passion, alongside distinguished soloists and players, as part of Wimbledon's marking of Passiontide. Tickets £24/16 (plus small booking fee): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bachs-st-john-passion-tickets-55758480115>. Also available at the door if not sold out.

WE NEED more volunteers to join the church cleaning rota. This would be for about an hour once a month. The groups currently clean on Monday mornings at around 9am or Saturday mornings at 9am. Please give your name to one of the wardens or Michael and say which day would suit you. Thank you.

JUNIOR CHURCH KIDS ACTIVITY AFTERNOON for 4 to 11 year olds is taking place on Saturday 6 April at 3.30pm – 5.30pm. All are welcome. Please let Tish know if you are coming on tish@mouselltraining.com

TOGETHER ON THURSDAY will be meeting on Thursday 28th March, at 3 pm, for tea at the Windmill Cafe. All are very warmly welcome. There will be a list in church for people to sign if they're coming and whether they need a lift or could offer a lift.

PCC ELECTIONS AT THE APCM are approaching—forms to sign are in the cross aisle. There are 4 vacancies for the Church Council. The Annual Meeting is on April 28 at 11.15am after the 10am Service and the first PCC meeting is on May 16.

12th WIMBLEDON BROWNIES have 2 or 3 spaces at Brownies after Easter when a number of the older girls are leaving. They meet on Wednesdays at 6pm for girls aged 7 to 9. You can sign up on the Girlguiding UK website.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK Please continue to support the foodbank by placing donations in the box at the back of church. Current urgent needs are for rice pudding, jam, long life milk, squash/juice, sugar and toilet paper.

CHRISTIAN CARE FURNITURE PROJECT are in need of the following items: (collection can be arranged if necessary) 2'6" / 75 cm divan bed; 3' dining tables for 4 (preferably dropleaf); bunk beds. Please contact: 020 3302 0181 (Office hours and answerphone) 9.30am to 2.00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 07932 628 840 (Mob) or email: christiancaremerton@gmail.com

MUSIC LESSONS? Tom Theakston, the new Director of Music is offering piano, organ and theory lessons for children and adults. For piano and theory tuition, lessons can take place at home if the pupil is local to the Merton area or at Christ Church. Organ Lessons would take place at Christ Church. Tom holds an enhanced DBS certificate and teaches all styles of music, from classical right through to ragtime, pop and rock. Please do get in touch with him if you are interested or have any questions regarding times and rates tomtheakston@hotmail.com

MESSAGE FROM MATABELELAND: We recently sent a gift of £390 via the Revd Steve Coulson. He reports back: "Warm greetings from Bishop Cleophas and Christians in Matabeleland! Bishop Cleophas was very touched and delighted by the gift from the Church. He wished to use it for the immediate direct relief of some retired clergy who have suffered from the desperate economic situation. I also bring love and greetings from Fr. Moffat Musasa and Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, who are linked to Christ Church. Moffat was one of the most effective and impressive Church leaders we met. We toured 9 Churches in 1 day under his guidance."