

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

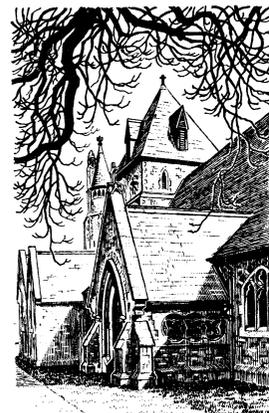
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Romans 8. 12—17*

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

*John 3. 1—17*



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**Sunday 27 May 2018**

**Trinity Sunday**



#### Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

#### Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Green Prayer

Father, you know that listening is hard for us.

We are so action-oriented, so product-driven, that doing is easier for us than being.

Help us to be still and to listen.

We want to learn how to sink into the light of your presence until we can be comfortable in that light.

Help us, dear Father, to try now. Amen. (*Richard Foster*)

### Sunday 27 May 2018 — Trinity Sunday

#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

##### READINGS

Romans 8. 12—17

John 3. 1—17

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

##### READINGS

Romans 8. 12—17

John 3. 1—17

##### HYMNS

273, 324, 747, 306

#### 6.30pm BCP Evensong

##### READINGS

Ezekiel 1. 4—10 & 22—28

Mark 1. 1—13

##### HYMNS

306, 79, 223

Psalms 104. 1—10



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

Finley; Pauline Shepheard-Walwyn, Cynthia Aird

### Those who have died:

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Jeremy Fleming (1999), Joan Swayne (2005)

**Link Parish:** The People of St Francis of Assisi,  
Barham Green, Bulawayo

### THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 29 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

#### Thursday 31 May

3.00pm Together on Thursday: Truman Room

8.00pm Brass Group

#### Friday 1 June

7.30pm Adult Choir

### NEXT SUNDAY 3 JUNE—First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Celebrate Together

6.30pm BCP Evensong

### NEXT WEEK

#### Tuesday 5 June

11.00am Morning Prayer

#### Thursday 7 June

8.00pm Brass Group

#### Friday 8 June

*No Adult Choir*

8.00pm **Jigsaw Players**  
**Concert in Church**



### A PRAYER FOR TEARFUND IN ITS 50th YEAR

Gracious and generous God, you became poor so that we might be enriched by your love, and you gave the world's wealth and resources as a common inheritance for all human beings. We pray you would strengthen your church to be a beacon of hospitality for the poor. We pray that, seeing the light of Christ's love, the nations and peoples of the world may fight not to kill, but to outdo one another in care for the poor, and in actions of gracious generosity. Through Him who for our sakes did not grasp the wealth of heaven, but instead gave all to live for us as a slave, and die for us in pain, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** The collection for Christian Aid Week currently stands at £817. Thank you to everyone who gave generously. If you missed the collection, you can still give using the Christian Aid envelopes in church.

### VISITING HARRY WATSON

Our friend Harry Watson at Carter House Nursing Home in Raynes Park would very much like to see his friends from Christ Church. If anyone is able to pop in to see Harry it would be helpful to put your name against a particular week on the list at the back of church so that he has at least one visitor a week.

**TOGETHER ON THURSDAYS** will be on 31st May, in the Truman Room at 3 pm. All welcome!

**DATA PROTECTION:** Because of changes to data protection legislation on May 25, we are now required by law to ask everyone for written consent to hold and manage personal data—names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. A consent form for you to complete is available at the back of church TODAY in a named envelope. We have used the Electoral Roll for this mailing so if you are not on the roll, please take a form. This needs to be returned to the Church and placed in the box as soon as possible.

**SMALL GROUPS** are appreciated by many. As you will have seen from page 12 of the current Parish News, we are hoping to set up other group(s). One person who has offered to convene a new group is Flis Banks: contact her on [felicitybrewis@outlook.com](mailto:felicitybrewis@outlook.com) if you would be interested in joining.

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHRIST CHURCH**—we are thinking about raising our profile through social media. We would like to gather a small working party to set this up. If you are interested and could help with this, please let Michael know.

**WE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH TREASURER:** if you have any interest in taking on this role, please speak to Michael or one of the Wardens.

**ADVANCE DATE: Sunday 24 June** — Michael celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest. Lunch will follow the 10am Service to which all are warmly welcome — keep the date free! There is a list of food which would be welcome at the back of the church as well as volunteers needed to set up and clear away.

**THE STONEWORK** has to undergo some urgent repairs. **If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in a giving envelope and mark it STONEWORK—and do gift aid if you are able.** Any queries, please speak to the Wardens. We are very grateful for the donations received so far: **£5,887.50** which includes £1,322.50 Gift Aid reclaimed.

**MICHAEL** moves into the new Vicarage at 46 Pepys Road, SW20 8PF this week. It is likely that the new phone number will be 020 8946 5954.