

A reading from the first letter of John

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

1 John 3. 16 - end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

John 10. 11 - 18



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Sunday 22 April 2018—Fourth Sunday of Easter



Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Green Prayer

Lord God, when you give to your servants any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished which yields the true glory, through him that for the finishing of your work, laid down his life, thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

(A prayer of Sir Francis Drake)

Sunday 22 April 2018 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

1 John 3. 16—end

John 10. 11—18

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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John 10. 11—18

HYMNS: 36, 141, 290, 518

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

Exodus 16. 4—15

Revelation 2. 12—17

HYMNS: 473, 219, 368

Psalm 81. 8—16



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Finley; Pauline Shepheard-Walwyn, John Barrett;

Those who have died: Mary Jarvis, Robert Eltoft

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Rachel Boulding (2017); Margaret Ballard (2014);
Margaret Thomas (2006); Nancy Freear (2015)

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24 April

11.00am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Social Committee
at 40 Melbury Gardens

Wednesday 25 April

8.00pm PCC Meeting, Truman Room

Thursday 26 April

3.00pm Tea at Morden Hall Park: see opposite
8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 27 April

7.30pm Adult Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 29 APRIL—Easter 5

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
Preacher: Canon Celia Thomson
6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 1 May

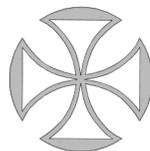
11.00am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Merton Deanery Synod at Emmanuel Church

Thursday 3 May

11.00am Funeral of Robert Eltoft
8.00pm Finance Committee at 26 Spencer Hill
8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 4 April

7.30pm Adult Choir



TODAY—THE APCM MEETING together with the CHURCHWARDEN, PCC AND SYNOD ELECTIONS will be held after this morning's service. Copies of the agenda and reports etc are available in the cross-aisle. The first PCC meeting is on Wednesday April 25.

WE ARE 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.

SPRING EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWS is now available—take your copy—suggested donation is £2.50. Many thanks to Naomi and Brenda and those who have all contributed to another bumper edition.

OUTING FOR TEA—there will be a visit to the cafe at Morden Hall Park on **Thursday 26th April**, meeting there around 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like a lift, please sign the list at the back of church.

PARISH OFFICE is closed until the morning of Friday 27th April.

OPEN GARDENS on SUNDAY MAY 13th at 2pm starting at Gerald and Hazel's, in Cottenham Park Road and ending up at Dee and Muks house in Arterberry Road, for a scrumptious tea. Look out for flyers and a list to sign at the back of church to let us know if you're coming.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WIMBLEDON PENTECOST PICNIC is on **Sunday 20th May** and the picnic is a bring and share lunch at St. Saviour's church – outside if dry and inside their hall if wet. There will be a bouncy castle and other good entertainment for the children and it is a very relaxed affair to which all are welcome—particularly families. It starts about 12.30. Book the date in your diaries now.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC POST is currently being advertised nationally. Please pray that the right candidate may be found to continue our musical tradition at Christ Church. Meanwhile we are very grateful to our Choir and visiting Organists.

SCAFFOLDING has been installed around the church as the stonework has to undergo some (expensive) repairs. The letter published recently gives more details about this work — do take a copy today. **If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in a giving envelope and mark it STONWORK—and do gift aid if you are able.** Any queries, please speak to the Wardens.