

### A reading from the first letter of John

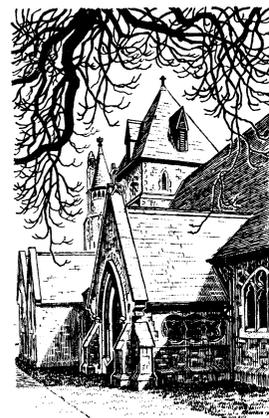
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*1 John 4. 7—end*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

*John 15. 1—8*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

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**Sunday 29 April 2018—Fifth Sunday of Easter**



#### Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Green Prayer

Lord, as we pray and reflect on the natural disasters which over the past year have brought such suffering to the peoples of south-east Asia, sub-saharan Africa and the Caribbean, help us to understand the connections between our current lifestyle and the increased vulnerability to natural disasters around the world. Help us to live more simply, that others may simply live. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Sunday 29 April 2018 — Fifth Sunday of Easter**

#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

##### READINGS

1 John 4. 7—end

John 15. 1—8

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

##### READINGS

1 John 4. 7—end

John 15. 1—8

**HYMNS:** 108, 661, 201, 660

#### 6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

##### READINGS

Isaiah 60. 1—14

Revelation 3. 1—13

**HYMNS:** 228, 141, 462

Psalm 96



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

Finley; Pauline Shepheard-Walwyn, Cynthia Aird, Hilary Brazier

### Those who have died: Robert Eltoft

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

Gayle Gash (2011)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 1 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Merton Deanery Synod at Emmanuel Church, The Ridgway

#### Wednesday 2 May

9.30am Year 1 Study School visit to Church

#### Thursday 3 May Local Elections

11.00am Funeral of Robert Eltoft

8.00pm Finance Committee at 26 Spencer Hill

8.00pm Brass Group

#### Friday 4 May

7.30pm Adult Choir

### NEXT SUNDAY 6 MAY—Easter 6

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Celebrate Together

6.30pm BCP Evensong

### NEXT WEEK

#### Tuesday 8 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

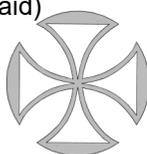
8.00pm Book Club

#### Thursday 10 May—ASCENSION DAY

8.00pm Ascension Day Communion (said)

#### Friday 11 May

7.30pm Adult Choir



### ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGS:

**Churchwardens:** Julie Grainger and David Simpson. **PCC members:** Louise Schenck, Angelina Skelton and Mike Hammond. **Deanery Synod rep:** Lucy Christie. We welcome and thank these new members for offering to serve in this way.

### 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.

**MONEY:** At the APCM, the outgoing Treasurer gave the facts of our 2017 deficit. If you would like to know more, then please take a copy of the leaflet which was circulated to everyone at the end of last year giving the facts. Some of the figures have changed but the basic message has not—we are running a deficit in our day to day expenses and would encourage everyone at Christ Church to review their giving.

**SAL EDMUNDS** stepped down as Churchwarden after 4 years and was presented with a cheque for some £500 together with a card and flowers given by the congregation. Sal writes: *I wanted to say thank for the beautiful flowers and gift - I was very touched by your generosity and kind words. Being church warden has been a privilege and I wish Julie and David (and the new PCC) the very best for the coming year. Sal*

**DATA PROTECTION:** Because of changes to data protection legislation next month, 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 will be available shortly. This needs to be returned by 20 May.

**OPEN GARDENS on SUNDAY MAY 13<sup>th</sup> 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 with more information. If anyone can bring some plants for the plant sale at Dee's house or if anyone is able to bring some cakes, please put your names down on the list at the back of Church.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WIMBLEDON PENTECOST PICNIC is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 now.

**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!

**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.

**THE STONEMWORK** has to undergo some urgent repairs. The letter (blue) 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 STONEMWORK—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: £3,075 including Gift Aid.