

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

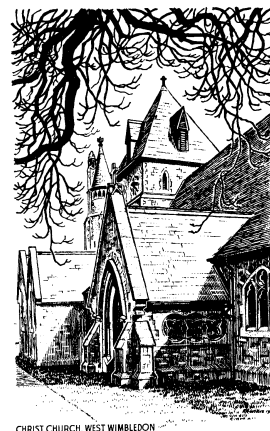
The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4. 13 - end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8. 31 - end



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Sunday 25 February 2018 Second Sunday of Lent



Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Green Prayer

Spirit of God, set at rest the crowded thoughts within our minds and hearts. Let the peace and quiet of your presence take hold of us. Help us to relax, to rest, to become open and receptive to you. You know our inmost thoughts, the hidden unconscious life within us, the forgotten memories of hurts and fears, the frustrated desires, the unresolved tensions and dilemmas. Cleanse and sweeten the springs of our being, that freedom, life and love may flow into both our conscious and our hidden life. Lord, we lie open before you, waiting for your healing, your peace and your word. Amen. (George Appleton)

Sunday 25 February 2018 — Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

Romans 4. 13—end

Mark 8. 31—end

10.00am Parish Eucharist

READINGS

Romans 4. 13—end

Mark 8. 31—end

HYMNS: 48, 408, 412, 92

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

Genesis 12. 1—9

Luke 13. 31—end

HYMNS: 185, 19, 2

Psalm 135. 1—14



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Finley

Those who have died: Jean Guthman

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27 February

11.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Lent Course 2

Wednesday 28 February

8.00pm Lent Course 2

Thursday 1 March

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 2 March (*Michael's Free Day*)

11am & 8pm Women's World Day of Prayer

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice

Saturday 3 March

6.30pm Barn Dance, Hall

NEXT SUNDAY 4 March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Baptism of Harry Grafton

6.30pm Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 6 March

11.00am No Morning Prayer

2.00pm Lent Course 3

8.00pm Book Club

Wednesday 7 March

8.00pm Lent Course 3

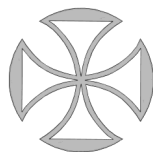
Thursday 8 March

8.00pm Brass Group

8.00pm Finance Committee at 26 Spencer Hail

Friday 9 March (*Michael's Free Day*)

7.30pm Adult Choir Practice



HOME MADE MARMALADE will be on sale this week courtesy of Marian Stewart.

BISHOP'S LENT CALL: Every year we support the Bishop of Southwark's annual Lent Call. This year it is supporting projects in Zimbabwe, the Holy Land and in the Diocese itself. Full details are on the display at the back of the church. Please put your donations in the **BLUE** envelopes which will be available each Sunday —and Gift Aid if you can. There are also some Lent boxes available if you would like to use one.

MUSIC IN CHURCH: As most of you will now know we have had to inform Adam Balkwill, that, halfway through his probationary period, we were not able to confirm his appointment as Director of Music. There was absolutely nothing untoward - just simply that he wasn't proving to be the musical fit with Christ Church that we hoped for. We wish him well. We will be starting the recruitment process soon. Meanwhile we have managed to book an organist at each service in March and April and are very grateful to those who are able to help us. We are hugely grateful to the Choir for continuing their practices and their leading of the service. However we have had to suspend the Junior Choir for the time being. If anyone feels they have the time, energy and musical ability to lead their Friday evening 6.30pm practices please let Michael know.

A SMALL UNDERGROUND CHAMBER, as some of you know, runs between the Church and the Hall. We have now had to fence this area off until the authorities decide how it is best filled in. We apologise for the inconvenience. A new set of steps down to the Hall will also be used for access to the side entrance door.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This Friday 2 March at 11am at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill and 8pm at Wimbledon Salvation Army Church. Details on the posters in Church. Men, Women and Children are welcome

BARN DANCE NEXT SATURDAY 3 MARCH at 6.30pm. Tickets £12.50 - under 16's come free. Food will be served. Book the date in your diary now...ideal for all the family of whatever age! Tickets from Tish Mousell or sign the list on the table at the back of the church.

NAME BADGE SUNDAYS will be on 11 and 18 March at the 10am services. We will encourage everyone to write their name on a label—supplied—so that we can get to know each other better!

MOTHERING SUNDAY falls on 11 March. After the 10am service, the Brownies and Guides will be selling cakes over refreshments, which will be served in the Hall. Do bring some money and buy.

ADVANCE NOTICE: CHILDREN'S FUN ACTIVITY AFTERNOON FOR 4 to 11 year olds on SATURDAY MARCH 24 from 3pm till 5pm in the Hall. Contact Tish (tish@mouseltraining.com or 07771 661 612.) — or Claire (clairenaylor1@virginmedia.com)

ELECTORAL ROLL is the membership list of the church. If you are not on the current list (displayed at the back of the Church), please do complete a form—you have to be over 16 and baptised. We encourage all to join. Full details are available from Mike Hammond, the Electoral Roll Officer.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES at Christ Church are now listed on the website. We are printing leaflets and these will (hopefully) be available for distribution on Sunday March 4. If you can help with their delivery in the parish we would be grateful.