

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5.1–11

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

John 4.5–42



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The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023

Third Sunday of Lent



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.

READINGS

Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

No 8am Service

10am All Age Service

led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards

with Junior Church / Senior Church

HYMNS: 40, 300, 141, 324

Green / World Prayer

In this time of climate breakdown,
we ask that we would be filled
with your love.

For a love, which in a wounded world,
makes a difference.

Trinity of Love, Fill our hearts.

For a love, which in a warming world,
looks like something.

Trinity of Love, Fill our hearts.

For a love, which in a culture of denial,
speaks truth.

Trinity of Love, Fill our hearts.

For a love, which in a world of oppression
and indifference, challenges injustice.

Trinity of Love, Fill Our hearts.

Amen.

Prayer by Jon Swales

6.30pm Evening Prayer

READINGS

Joshua 1.1-9; Ephesians 6.10-20

HYMNS:

630, 590, 333 and Psalm 46

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

Those who have died: Martin Evans

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Basil Whitworth (1981); Doreen Howell (2011); Ian Stewart (2002); Teddy Beaumont (1991)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH

9.15am TODDLER GROUP

7.30pm PCC MEETING on Zoom

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 19th MARCH

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

No 8am Service

10.00am ALL AGE SERVICE

led by Rev'd Alun Ford

no Junior Church / Senior Church

followed by Cake Sale in church

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

APPEAL FOR SERVERS—More Servers are required for the 10.00am Service, please see Tish or Julie.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in church, in memory of a loved one, there is a collection box and list at the back.

This month's edition of **THE BRIDGE** can be read and downloaded from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

Of Walking on Thin Ice: Sunday 2nd April 4.30pm at The Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Road, Raynes Park SW20 8RA. Book your free place for this special screening on Palm Sunday at <https://bit.ly/thiniceRP> The film is about a walk; a pilgrimage, an odyssey...for the planet. Five hundred miles from London to Glasgow COP26. Refreshments will be available.

After the screening, an optional extra, you are invited to walk together to The Sultan, Norman Road, South Wimbledon. SW19 1BT for "God in the Pub". Join a reflective conversation on the Climate Emergency and Protest, starting at 7.30pm and organised by the Parish of Merton Priory in South Wimbledon.

CHALICE—Once we have put together a list of those involved we will be reintroducing the Chalice (the wine with the bread) on Sunday 2nd April. The Archdeacon, Simon Gates advised that this has been reintroduced into all of his Churches. Taking the wine is up to you, if you don't want to receive the it, keep your hands at your side, or get up after you have had the bread. Dipping the bread into the wine is NOT an option. Thank you.

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB The book club at Christ Church has been going for over 20 years and still has some original members! We are very sorry to be losing Mike who was an enthusiastic member when time allowed. Why not join us to enjoy a varied selection of books. We are currently still meeting on Zoom on Thursday afternoons every two months so there is plenty of time to read the chosen books. We started out following recommendations from the Church Times but now we read a wide variety of books, mainly fiction but some biographies, some classics really anything recommended by our members.

Unlike some Book Clubs there is no obligation to cook meals, provide homemade cakes or even choose the books just come and enjoy a good discussion. Everyone is welcome – men and women and you don't have to read every book. For further information contact Lynda Coleman via

ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk

HALL CAR PARK Thank you for being considerate when you use the hall car park on a Sunday morning. It's possible to park four cars on both sides. Four can easily fit to the left of the hall (if you are facing it), and 4 smaller cars could park on the right. Thank you.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2023

This year the theme for The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call is Mental Health & Wellbeing. Focusing on two projects from each of the Episcopal Areas and projects from our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Please see display at the back of Church .

CHURCH CLEANING Could you spare an hour or two once a month to help keep our church clean? We have a vacancy on our volunteer cleaning team from February. Please contact Liz Errington via the parish office for further information.

Churches Together in West Wimbledon joint **Service and Walk of Witness on Good Friday** at 10.00am. Meet at Lantern Methodist Church, Worple Road. Organised by Churches Together in West Wimbledon. Readings and music on the way and culminating at Raynes Park Station. *All very welcome.*

INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Merciful God,
whose love is freely given
to all in this Parish and Congregation,
and throughout your whole creation,
help us to grow in that love
during our interregnum and the future.
Give us wisdom and courage,
in our search for a new vicar,
in the tasks that need to be done in the meantime,
and in the holding together of the congregation.
In the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.