

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

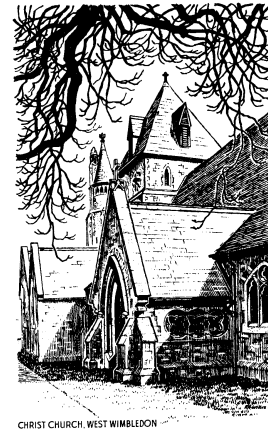
If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Philippians 2.1–13*

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

*Matthew 21.23–32*



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**Sunday 27 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



#### Collect

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Post Communion

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole  
heart and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

**8am BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10am PARISH EUCHARIST**

#### **READINGS:**

Philippians 2. 1-13; Matthew 21. 23-32

**6.30pm BCP EVENING PRAYER (said)**

#### **READINGS:**

Isaiah 48. 12-21; Luke 11. 37-54

Psalm 125

#### Green Prayer

Lord God, we pray that your holy  
and life-giving Spirit may so move the  
hearts of the men and women who govern  
the nations that the barriers of fear,  
suspicion and hatred which separate us  
may crumble, and the body of humankind  
may be healed of its divisions  
and be united in addressing the serious  
problems of resource depletion,  
overpopulation and climate change.  
This we ask in the name of your dear Son,  
Jesus Christ. **Amen. Amen.**

#### **EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING**

**10am-12 noon** Church open for quiet  
prayer - all welcome



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:** Michael Green; Hilary Brazier; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; James Hannaford; Sachin Shah;

**Those who have died:** Simon Titterington

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:** Rosemary Dabbs (2010); Peter Clarke (2002)

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

### THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 29: KFH meet via Zoom at 8pm

WEDNESDAY 30: Church open from 10am to 12

THURSDAY 1: Soulscape at St Matthew's at 8pm

## NEXT SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer (said)

**COVID 19 UPDATE:** There has been confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than 6 people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, so public worship can continue.

We look forward to seeing those who are able to attend or watch via Zoom.

### HOWEVER:

**Do not attend if you are unwell, self-isolating or experiencing any symptoms.**

**Do wear a mask, unless exempt.**

**Do keep your distance from those who are not in your household/bubble.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** at the end of the 10am service we ask that everyone leaves the Church without conversation—and then feel free to chat outside, keeping at a 2m distance. This is one really important change to our life to observe so that no one is put at any unnecessary risk while in church.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be celebrated **NEXT SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER**. As it will not be possible to visit the care homes or people unable to get to church this year we are sending cards but we still need your gifts of packeted and tinned food to distribute to the Wimbledon Foodbank, Christian CARE and the Merton Women's Refuge. Please bring these items to the church either this Wednesday, 30 September between 10 and 12 noon or to a service on 4 October.

We will be collecting money for the charity **Dig Deep** on Sundays throughout October. They are working in Kenya to provide clean water for as many communities as they can, more vital than ever with Covid-19 in circulation. More information on their website [www.digdeep.org.uk](http://www.digdeep.org.uk). Last year we sent them a total of £962. This did include nearly £100 from the Brownies Cake Sale. This sale cannot take place this year—so can you be extra generous in your offering?

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL**—it is planned that this will be available on Sunday 4 October after the 10am service—do bring money to spend!

**NEW CHURCHWARDENS** are Tish Mousell and Julie Grainger, elected at Wednesday's APCM.

**NOTE they have new email addresses for your use:**

**TISH MOUSELL:** [ccww.warden1@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.warden1@gmail.com)

**JULIE GRAINGER:** [ccww.warden2@gmail.com](mailto:ccww.warden2@gmail.com)

We also welcome Judy Luddington as the new PCC Secretary, thanking Debbie Morley for her years in office. Also elected to the PCC for a further term were Lyons O'Keeffe, Lynda Coleman and Mair Rabagliati. Paul Sinclair and Pat Spencer were elected to Deanery Synod.

**CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**—following the visit of Michael Green the week before lockdown back in March, we were not able to hold our Easter collection in aid of CMS. The PCC have agreed to donate £300—but will welcome individual donations towards this total amount. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope, writing CMS on the front. Cheques to be made payable to PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon.

**THE BOOK CLUB** will meet by Zoom on Tuesday 20 October at 4pm to discuss **Bad Blood** by **Lorna Sage**. We have already read this book but we think it deserves a second read and, as it was a Church Times recommendation, we have the questions. It is a memoir of a childhood in a vicarage in the 40s and 50s. The book won the Whitbread prize for biography in 2000.

**SOULSCAPE** is held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7.30pm for 8pm at St Matthews, Durham Road. Through meditative music, silence and simple prayers, set in a calming candlelit environment, Soulscape Wimbledon worship allows you to navigate your spiritual journey at your own pace. See poster for details - all welcome.

**FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH** – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. Envelopes can be left in the offertory plate as usual. If you wish to contribute via your bank, the church bank details are: **PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon: CAF Bank. Sort code: 40-52-40. Account number: 00029176.** Cheques can be made payable to **PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to the Planned Giving Officer, Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ.** If you require any further help, please do feel free to contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman [lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com](mailto:lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com)  
Thank you. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

**FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATOR FOR CHRISTIAN CARE:** Family support - the provision of food and other household essentials - is about giving families who are really struggling to provide for their children a measure of food security, as well as making an emergency response to others in crisis. The current Coordinator has been in the role for 5 years and has set up a superb system of organisation for the scheme. To find out more visit <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or contact the CARE Coordinator by email or phone [gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk](mailto:gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk) / 07932 628 840. Do also speak to Pat Spencer if you'd like to know more.

**WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** is very busy and urgently need these items: Long life squash/juice; Sugar; Treats (crisps, chocolates, cereal bars); Tinned Soup; Custard/rice pudding. Financial donations would also be welcome. Thank you.

**JUNIOR CHURCH AND STEPPING UP CHURCH** are currently suspended until we all see how it is working with the children getting used to being back at school. We will review in very early October. At the back of Church on the round tables and on the rectangular table in the opposite corner there will be pens and paper for colouring. The Truman Room is also available for babies and very young children and their parents.