

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

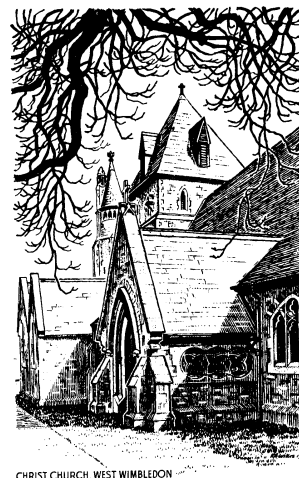
When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

1 Corinthians 2.1–12

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

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Matthew 5.13–20



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2023

Third Sunday before Lent



Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the
crowds and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ
to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him
should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

1 Corinthians 2,1-12; Matthew 5.13-20

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Service

led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards

(No Junior Church / Senior Church)

HYMNS:

457, 408, 19, 416

Green / World Prayer

Father of Creation,
God of Compassion,
you created a world of wonder,
of possibility and potential.
You declared it to be good.

For this we give thanks.
To you be praise, honour and glory.

Father of Creation,
God of Compassion,
in this time of climate breakdown
wake us from our slumber,
equip us afresh to be the justice-shaped
people of God.

Amen.

6.30pm BCP Sung Evensong

READINGS

Amos 2.4-end; Ephesians 4.17-end

HYMNS:

69, 636, 102 and Psalm 112

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died: Yvonne Bentley, John Taylor, Sally Day, Martin Evans.

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Therese Whitworth (2005); Alastair Simpson (1999); Leonard Bown (2013); Margaret Brazier (1994); Isaac Simons (2013); Jean Guthman (2018)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

9.15am TODDLER GROUP Hall

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY

2nd SUNDAY before LENT

8am No Service today

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

led by Rev'd Rachel Taylor

(no Junior Church / Senior Church)

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

QUESTIONNAIRE A leaflet with three questions has been distributed, to help the PCC in our recruitment of a new Vicar. Please take the leaflet home to fill in. There is a box for completed sheets at the back of church. You can also email responses to the parish office. The deadline is 12th February.

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.

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

TRAIIDCRAFT STALL 2022 & NEW HELPER

Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Together we bought over £2,300 of fairly traded goods (that's a lot of chocolate!) We've exceeded our sales in 2019 and are delighted to have recovered from the worst of the pandemic. We've supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. From our profit, we've made a donation of £250 to the church. Thank you to our junior helpers on the stall and to you our customers, especially the chocoholics amongst you! Would you like to help run the stall? Could you help about once a month to set up for ten minutes before the 10.00am service, serve and then put away at the end. Please talk to Julie, Tish, Ian or Lucy on the stall.

A Memorial service for the late Margaret Thornton will be held in church on Monday 20th February, at 10.30am.

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER 2023 from the women of Taiwan, on Friday 3rd March, 10.30am, at Martin Way Methodist Church SW20 9JZ. Light refreshments available after the service. All are welcome. www.wwdp.org.uk

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

The renewal order for BRF notes has to be submitted early in February. If any subscribers want to cancel or change their order or if anyone wants to place a new order, please let Jenny Tomlinson know.

CHRISTIAN CARE currently needs the following items of furniture: strong wooden bed frames; chest of drawers; manageable wardrobes; modestly sized sofas with fire labels; compact dining tables and chairs. Please email offers attaching photo and measurements to christiancaremerton@gmail.com For more information speak to Pat Spencer or Chris Larkman. <https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/Project>

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED The Chaplain at The Holy Cross School is looking to rent 1 bed flat or studio locally. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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.

