

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.18–29

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Luke 13.10–17



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SUNDAY 21st AUGUST 2022

10th SUNDAY after TRINITY



Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers
before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those
who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST

READINGS

Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13.10-17

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

HYMNS: 11, 63, 144, 465

Green / World Prayer

Dear Lord,
we cannot spread care
for your creation throughout the world,
but help us to begin where we are.
Make us honest and careful
in all our dealings,
true in our words and actions.
We cannot alter the course
of a suffering and unjust world,
but help us to light candles
in the darkness in the name
of your Son Jesus Christ
who at his glorious Day of Judgement
will herald the triumph
of Justice and Peace. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST

11.45am Baptism

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

Isaiah 30.8-21; 2 Corinthians 9

HYMNS: 555, 536, 2; Psalm 119.49-56

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon Kimber; Wendy Rafferty; Flis Banks.

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Jane Little (2016); John Castle (2005); Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn (2019); Jenny Smith (2021) Peter Christie (2020).

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

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST – TRINITY 11

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Speaker: Michael Green

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

MICHAEL GREEN will be our speaker at the 10am service on 28 August. He has been our link partner with the Church Mission Society for the past 13 years and is finishing his work. We look forward to welcoming him to Christ Church once again.

THURSDAY TEA IN AUGUST will be held **THIS THURSDAY 25 August at 3pm** in the Hall or the Garden As usual everyone is welcome to join us. Please sign the list on the table at the back of the church—and indicate if you require a lift.

EPSOM AND EWELL ART GROUP (of which Louise Schenck is a member and an exhibitor) are holding their Summer Exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA from Tuesday 16 to Sunday 28 August from 9.30am to 5pm. Free entry and free parking – and it's only a 15 minute walk from Dorking Station to Denbies

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY 2022 PLANET EARTH: Celebrating all God's Creation. Once again, we will celebrate Creationtide with a display of pictures, photographs, paintings and objects from church members. Please start collecting, photographing and creating now for this year's display. Contributions can be left at church in the box at the back from now until Sunday 28th August. If it's difficult for you to print photos, you can email them by 21st August to Lucy Christie direct or via the parish office.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL ARE LOOKING FOR

VOLUNTEERS: Between 11 and 30 October they are hosting Luke Jerram's touring artwork **Gaia**. This provides the opportunity to see our planet on this scale, floating in three-dimensions. It also acts as a mirror to major events in society. In light of the pandemic, the artwork may provide the viewer with a new perspective of our place on the planet; a sense that societies of the Earth are all inter-connected and that we have a responsibility towards one another. They are looking for event volunteers to assist staff members during the exhibition dates with various tasks including: Ensuring visitors are complying with health and safety regulations; dealing with enquiries; assisting with visitor surveys. If you are interested, please let Michael or the Parish Office know and we can forward you the Cathedral information pack and application form.

SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATE: Mohammad and Bariaa and the children have been with us now for 6 weeks and are settling into life here really well. They love the flat and are already exploring the local area, visiting Deen City Farm and Morden Hall Park, as well as getting to know the local shops. They have made friends with another resettled Syrian family locally which is a real blessing. Taim, the 8-year-old has started school, and during the summer holidays is attending a local playscheme. After much hard work, we have managed to get them into the health system – with GP and hospital appointments, and Bariaa's pregnancy is going well - their baby is due early October. Whilst there is still a lot of paperwork over benefits and budgeting to be done, it has been a good start. Thank you for your continued support and prayers – there is still much to be done. Chris and Clare.

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME: Thank you to those who have signed up for this new way of giving. Please be aware, as stated in the information leaflet, that within 10 working days you will receive a letter confirming the date of your 1st gift, which is likely to be the next month. However, we are aware this could lead to the church losing out on a person's monthly contribution, if existing contributions are cancelled immediately. Please can you check that all your payments have been correctly paid to the church? If you have any queries do speak to Lynda Coleman. Thank you.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH

At the recent PCC meeting, John Davey, the Hon Treasurer, reviewed the management accounts for the first half of 2022. Income was £7,700 below budget mainly because giving was lower. Expenditure was £4,700 better than budget because hall costs and structural church repairs were contained. In addition, our investments have seen a drop in value, in line with the worldwide financial situation. For the year 2022 it is anticipated we may incur a significant deficit. The PCC have therefore agreed to defer all but the most urgent and statutory expenditure. The main bulk of our income is from those who belong to and attend Christ Church or who hire the hall. If you do not yet give regularly, we would encourage you to do so. If you wish to contribute via your bank, the details of our CAF bank account, in the name of **The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon**, are **Sort code: 40-52-40** and **Account number: 00029176**. Please can you put your name in the reference. **Please note** you must put in the full name of the account if you are setting up an online payment with your bank: **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon**. Cheques can also be made payable to **The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon** and sent to Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2. Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ. We would encourage you to join via the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**. As a charity Christ Church can obtain a refund of tax from HMRC on payments we receive from givers who are taxpayers. This involves submitting a claim, with details of the donors and the amounts. This valuable but time-consuming task is currently done by Lynda Coleman. The Church of England has now introduced a Parish **Giving Scheme (PGS)** which means the refunds from registered givers are processed automatically – thus relieving Lynda from some of her work. We have written to all those who have a regular commitment to the Church, by standing order or direct debit, asking them to join the PGS. **If you would like to join the scheme as a new member, please take a blank envelope pack from the cross aisle.** Thank you.