

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Luke 14.1, 7-14



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SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 2022

11th SUNDAY after TRINITY



Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain
the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away
our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the
foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

READINGS

Hebrews 13.1-8,15-26; Luke 14.1,7-14

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist speaker Michael Green

HYMNS: 550, 636, 428, 290

Green / World Prayer

Father, we pray that when the interests
and aspirations of nations conflict
with one another over the natural
resources that you have provided for us,
their leaders may not turn to war,
but together seek a just and
acceptable way forward,
so that suspicions may be allayed,
misunderstandings clarified,
violence averted and peace preserved.
We ask this in the name
of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

Isaiah 33.13-22; John 3.22-36

HYMNS: 63, 282, 376;

Psalms 119.81-88

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Yvonne Crompton (2016)

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

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 12

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Celebrate Together

11.15am Confirmation Group

12.30pm Baptism

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

MICHAEL GREEN will be our speaker at the 10am service TODAY. 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.

EDITION 20 OF MICHAEL'S MESSAGES was published last week. There are paper copies in church.

THANK YOU to all who have contributed items for our Creationtide display and to Lucy Christie for arranging everything. Our **HARVEST FESTIVAL** will take place on **SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER** and a flyer will be published soon giving further details.



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.