

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. *Ephesians 1.3-14*

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

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. *Mark 6.14-29*



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SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021
Sixth Sunday after Trinity



Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

READINGS

Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

Green Prayer

Redeemer God

Have mercy on us for our over
consumption of the world's resources,
For our lack of responsibility
in devastating the habitats
of your creatures,
For our thoughtlessness in filling the world
with our rubbish,
For the pursuit of economic growth which
leaves our brothers and sisters in poverty.
Forgive us our selfishness,
that has led to this climate crisis,
and bring us together as One World
for Now is the Time to Act.
Amen.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

READINGS

Job 4.1;5.6-end; Romans 15.14-29
Psalm 66.1-8

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green;
Jenny Smith;

Those who have died: Judith Sanson;

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alfred Edward Mills (1993); Fred Stageman (1981); Brian Harris (2013); John Hamilton (2019)

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 14 July—10 till 12 Church open

Thursday 15 July—8pm PCC by Zoom

SUNDAY 18 JULY 2021

TRINITY 7

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

JUDITH SANSON died peacefully on Sunday 13 June at her home in Letchworth. The funeral will take place on **14 July** at **11am** in Hertfordshire and will be live streamed – please contact Sara in the parish office (ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk) for the Service details. We give thanks for Judith's life and pray for Stewart and his family at this sad time.

STOP PRESS: THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS on July 19 seems to be on track. As far as worship in church is concerned, we hear rumours of congregational hymn singing being permitted once again and the need for the wearing of masks and social distancing to be lifted. There is also the possibility of the return of the administration of the chalice and the serving of refreshments once again. Hopefully the Government will soon set out the details of all this for the Church of England to interpret—and the PCC will be reviewing the changes at their meeting on July 15. Definitely a case of '**watch this space!**'

ZOOMING THE 10AM SERVICE: thanks to the work of those who operate zoom, we will continue to broadcast our 10am service, finishing on Sunday July 25.

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH: Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. 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. 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**. **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**

CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE: Thank you to all the Junior Church and Stepping Up Church children, parents and leaders who helped with this national survey of species in church grounds and burial grounds. We had fun counting plants, insects and birds and submitted 51 species to the website. We also measured some of the trees in the gardens to estimate height and age. The horse chestnut tree is about 160 years old (as old as the church!) The Sycamore trees are 27 and 40 years old and 17 and 26 metres tall respectively. Well done everyone!

GARDEN WASTE—Kings' boys have been working in the church grounds during their activity week. It was lovely to have them back after 18 months. If anyone has a slot booked at the tip and has a space in their car for a couple of bags of weeds we would be so grateful. Thank you.

WE NEED one or two people who might be interested in joining the Altar Serving team on a rota basis, once a month for the 10am service. Full training given. If you would be interested please do speak to Michael.

MICHAEL SAYS: Thank you very much to all those who enabled me to have a two week retreat, particularly those who looked after the Archdeacon—with thanks to him for covering for me.

SCAM EMAIL – If you ever receive an email purporting to come from the Vicar, asking for your help, for example, it is a scam. Please do not reply. Typically it will say it is from the Reverend Michael Burns, but if you look carefully you will see it is not, in fact, from his email address (ccww.vicar@....)

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

JOHN BARRETT—there will be a Memorial Service for John to be held at Christ Church on **MONDAY 2 AUGUST 2021 at 11.30am**, followed by a cup of tea and biscuit/cake in the Hall. If you intend to be present, please can you sign the list on the table at the back of the Church so that the family know how many orders of service to print and how much tea to make!

There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Wimbledon Branch of the National Trust which John helped to found. All will be welcome.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH GARDEN will take place at the end of the 10am service on **SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2021** followed by refreshments served outside.

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY 2021 - Local and UK nature & landscapes: What has God's Creation meant to you in a year of lockdowns? Once again, we will celebrate Creationtide at Christ Church 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 for the display will be collected at church from July and by Sunday 29 August at the latest. If it's difficult for you to print photos, you can email them to Lucy Christie direct or via the parish office.

CHANGING OUR PLANET: Christian & Local Action. **6-8pm SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2021:** A speaker evening in the run up to COP26 with Q&A session organised by the Eco Church Group at Christ Church. We're planning for an in-person event but it will be virtual or a combination event if there are restrictions. Please see the flyer for more details.

