

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1.15–28

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

Luke 10.38–42



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SUNDAY 17th JULY 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in
all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SUNDAY 17 JULY

READINGS

Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-end

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

with Junior Church (final session for the summer)

HYMNS: 402, 64, 141, 678

Green / World Prayer

Let us pray for an end to the
waste and desecration of God's creation.
For access to the fruits of creation
to be shared equally among all people
and for communities and nations to find
sustenance in the fruits of the earth and
the water God has given us.

Almighty God, you created the world and
gave it into our care so that, in obedi-
ence to you, we might serve all people:
Inspire us to use the riches of creation
with wisdom, and to ensure that their
blessings are shared by all;
That, trusting in your bounty, all people
may be empowered to seek freedom
from poverty, famine, and oppression.
Amen.

SUNDAY 17 JULY

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

Genesis 41. 1-16,25-37;

1 Corinthians 4.8-13

HYMNS: 410, 452, 306, Psalm 81

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon Kimber, Wendy Rafferty

Those who have died: Rosie O'Sullivan

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Franklin Hancock (2007); Simon Titterington (2020); Alec Morley (2009); Richard Lowe (2017); Elizabeth Fleming (2017)

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20 July

Toddler Group has closed for its summer break

Thursday 21 July

7pm Social Committee

SUNDAY 24 JULY – TRINITY 6

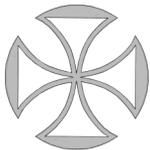
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

WEDNESDAY OPENING OF THE CHURCH has been appreciated by those who have taken the opportunity to drop in to sit quietly and pray since this began during lockdown in April 2020. However this arrangement has now finished for the summer. It may be possible to reinstate later in the year.

TEA ON THURSDAY will take place on **Thursday 28 July at 3pm**. All welcome. Please sign the list if you plan to come and/or need a lift.



OUR SYRIAN FAMILY HAS SAFELY ARRIVED!

Chris Larkman writes: They are parents Mohammed and Bariaa, together with son Taim (aged 8) and daughter Malek (aged 1½). Ursula (a local teacher and a friend of Angelina's) and I picked them up in her school's minibus from Heathrow on 22 June and they are now happily settled into the flat we prepared for them. They are a warm and friendly family and I am confident we will work well with them. They like the flat we have provided for them. Your team has been working hard in preparing for their arrival and now in looking after them. Thanks to Lyons & Clare for designing the flat layout, to Tish for working with our 3 volunteer interpreters, Ann for her great liaison work with the local GP practice, Angelina for setting up language classes and arranging schooling, Julie & Mair for the cleaning work they have done and their many ideas, to Stefan for his IT input and to Mike for his continued support. Thank you also to so many parishioners for their contributions both in money and gifts. It is truly a parish community effort. Let us pray for the family that they may find a way forward to rebuild their lives in this country.

Michael adds: Huge thanks are of course due to Chris Larkman for his wonderful leadership of this.

CHURCH GARDEN We have a few gaps in the garden watering rota for July and August. If anyone could water just once during this period it would be so helpful to hear from you. It takes between 1-2 hours and can be done whenever you have time. Please let the parish office know.



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. The majority of PCC members have signed up to this new scheme. We are now writing to all those who have a regular commitment to the Church, by standing order or direct debit (usually monthly), asking them to join the PGS. **If you give in this way, there should be an envelope addressed to you in the cross aisle giving full details.** If you would like to join the scheme as a new member, please take a blank envelope pack.

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY 2022 PLANET EARTH: Celebrating all God's Creation.

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 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.

ECO-CHURCH RECYCLING – AN UPDATE:

We have 3 recycling bins in the Truman Room. Please see flier for more details and for other local recycling options. There's already a bin at the back of church for recycling paper, card, drinks cans, plastic bottles, food tins & plastic bags. If anyone can help with taking the new items to local collection points please speak to Liz Errington or Lucy Christie or email via the Parish Office. Many thanks to Liz and Lucy for all their work on this aspect of our Eco-Church.