

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Ephesians 6.10–20

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

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

John 6.56–69



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SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2021

Trinity 12



Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist
you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole
in Christ may bring that healing
to this broken world, in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

READINGS

Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am-12 noon Church open

for quiet prayer - all welcome

Green Prayer

Dear Jesus, you came among us, generations ago,
to show God's love for people in all their brokenness,
and so to lead them back to a right relationship
with God.

As we seek to serve and follow you, we find not only
broken people, but a broken world, despoiled at first
in ignorance, but now in greed and wilful, headstrong,
selfishness.

We come to beg your pardon for our parts in this
tragedy, for rejecting your loving care in the 'perfect
planet' you gave us, and to claim the forgiveness
you offer for our parts of the shameful actions that
have led us to this point.

But we are aware that accepting forgiveness marks a
need to change our ways, to be more fully your
people, less greedy, less selfish, more loving.

Amen.

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2021

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

READINGS

Deut.18.15-19; Matthew 10.1-22

Psalms 116.10-end

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon; Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Simon Finch; Nick Coke; Sarah Shah; Simon Kimber; Jeremy Kimber; Rita Allen; Lindy;

Those who have died: Joyce Smith

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: John Castle (2005); Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn (2019); Peter Christie (2020)

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

Wednesday 25 August: 10 till 12

Quiet Prayer—Church open

Thursday 26 August: 3pm

Tea on Thursday (Hall / Garden)

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

TRINITY 13

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Our morning services will be led by the Revd Bruce Rickards, Chaplain of Heathrow Airport

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

WORDS AT COMMUNION: you will know that we are continuing to administer the bread only, with the assurance that this represents complete communion. Michael will now be saying the usual words as he gives you the bread and you are welcome to reply 'Amen'.

WE NEED one or two new 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.

TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA will be held next **THURSDAY 26 AUGUST at 3pm**. Please can you sign the list on the table today?

2021 CHURCH FINANCES UPDATE: Despite the difficult conditions arising from the part closure of the church and the hall, the church finances in the first half of 2021 have been in balance. We have been greatly helped by a number of significant donations over and above the usual level of giving – and we are very grateful indeed to all of you who have been able to make additional donations – thank you very much indeed for your generosity. Fortunately, we have not had to do any major repairs so far and from September onwards we are hoping to expand the hall bookings. However, we have got to undertake some major work such as the pruning of the trees and the repair and redecoration of the vestry. In the autumn our 5-year electrical test is also due, which may require additional expenditure to bring our electrics in the church up to modern standards. The end result is that we are likely to have a deficit this year in operating income, so we ask for your continued support. In addition, to make progress with our finances we may be asking for donations to help with some of these capital projects. John Davey

FINANCES AT 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**

JOYCE SMITH died peacefully recently. Her funeral will be held at Christ Church on **FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER at 12.30pm** followed by refreshments in the hall to which all are welcome. Family flowers only. Donations to an eye charity.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH GARDEN will take place at the end of the 10am service on **SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER** followed by cake and fizz/tea/coffee. All are warmly welcome.

FROM THE MAYOR OF MERTON: Join me on **Sunday 5 September at 1.30pm** at the Mitcham Cricket Ground (CR4 4LA) for my first charity event, a 20 over **Mayor's Charity Cricket Match** of the Mayor's XI vs Mitcham Cricket Club. The event is to raise funds for my charities: Marie Curie and Christian CARE Association. The Mayor's XI will feature Merton Councillors, and we are currently looking for other cricketers to join the team. If you would like to play, whether you have experience or not, please do get in touch with both myself (mayor@merton.gov.uk) and Cllr Ed Foley (edward.foley@merton.gov.uk). Entry is free of charge and afternoon tea will be on sale for £5. Please do bring a chair.

CHANGING OUR PLANET: Christian & Local Action. **6-8pm SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER**. 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. Up to date details will be published soon.