

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4.13–25

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8.31–38



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SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Green Prayer

Loving God, help us in our unbelief, our apathy and our distractions. Help us to do the things we ought to do, and not do the things we ought not to do.

Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP) **SUSPENDED**

10am Morning Service on ZOOM

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) **SUSPENDED**

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Mary Garrard; Sachin Shah; Tony Stokes;

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Bryce Simpson; Arthur Harris (2006); Mona Simpson (2019)

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

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH

10 till 12 Church open for quiet prayer
8pm USPG Lent Course 2 by Zoom

FRIDAY 5 MARCH

10.30am World Day of Prayer by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021 (Lent 3):

8am Holy Communion (BCP) SUSPENDED

10am Morning Service ON ZOOM

Followed by a short Junior Church for our children and young people on Zoom—details will be circulated

6.30pm Evening Prayer SUSPENDED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS PEWSHEET? Sara, our Administrator, sends it out electronically on a Friday morning to all those who request a copy. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email Sara at the parish office: ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk Remember too that the pewsheets can also be read on the church website.

LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION 2021

This is an important year in our care for God's creation. We're at a crucial moment for climate disruption, degradation of environments and extinction of species around the world. In this year's CCWW Lenten Fast for Creation are steps you can take to show you care for God's good earth and to show solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Let's make this a Lent for Creation care. **The Lent Fast is on the home page of the church website.**

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. **The 2020 accounts are being prepared: the operating deficit for 2020 is £17,000 mainly due to the lack of Sunday collections and the loss of income from the closure of the Hall. Please note that we get no Government or Diocesan bailouts—it is up to us at Christ Church to fund our church.** If you wish to contribute via your bank, particularly during the current lockdown, 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**

QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday night: This event is a 'fundraiser' for a new water heater in the Church kitchen; our longer term goal is to raise £1,500 for this. Not too late to make a donation! **Bank transfer details: account no. 00029176; sort code 40-52-40 in the name of 'The PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon'** or you can leave your donation in an envelope in Church marked Quiz Night donation, or use the card tablet in Church. Thanks.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL: There are Easter chocolates and some short sell-by-date items for sale on the stall at the back of church. When the church is open on Wednesday mornings, please serve yourself and pay in the box provided. Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

Carol service expenses: £762 has been donated to the costs of the cancelled Carol Service and loss of income. Thank you to our generous donors.

Charitable collection divided equally between the Church and Christian Care amounted to a total of £794.38 (including Gift Aid). In addition £37.50 (including Gift Aid) was collected for The Children's Society. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL 2020 Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Despite the restrictions, together we bought £1,168 of fairly traded goods which has supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. It was disappointing to make minimal profit because we had to write off some stock which went out of date in the first lockdown. Out of our retained profit from previous years, we paid £273.60 to World Vision as our sponsorship of Khady Dione and her community in Senegal. Khady is 20 years old and attends school and her Mbella community benefits from healthcare and sanitation projects. We're looking forward to welcoming back our junior helpers from furlough and to serving you fair trade goods on the Traidcraft stall again soon. you can also order on-line from Traidcraft. Thank you from Tish, Julie, Ian & Lucy.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday 5 March will be hosted by St Andrews as a Zoom service at 10.30am and will be available to watch on the St Andrews YouTube from 5pm. The women of Vanuatu have written the service with the theme 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. To access Zoom please let Mair Rabagliati know via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk Your name will then be added to the participants list. The words will be displayed during the service on the screen. Everyone is welcome and there will be opportunity for chat rooms at the end.

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK—Items can be left on the doorstep of 31 Somerset Avenue or in the parcel box of the porch of 46 Pepys Road or in church on Wednesday mornings. This week tinned tomatoes, rice, tea, coffee & shampoo are urgently needed. **Thank you.** Financial donations are always welcome. <https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Cheques to payable to **Wimbledon Foodbank** can be sent to Elim Pentecostal Church, 76 Kingston Road, London SW19 1LA.

CHRIST CHURCH NEW MALDEN are promoting three online courses covering anxiety and depression, relationship breakdown and hope in depression during Covid-19. Details are on their website or let Michael know and he can forward the details from their newsletter.