

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

James 1.17–27

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Mark 7.1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

Trinity 13



Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend:
show us your glory
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing
more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

READINGS

James 1.17-end;
Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

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Green Prayer

We pray that during this year we may work and pray
to change this world and humanity's response to our
circumstances, to accept responsibility
for the gift of this planet as our home.
May we steward it effectively, so we no longer pollute
it with our waste, destruct it with our insatiable
appetites for more, kill it with our poisons,
but nurture it for its habitats
and care for it for its plants and animals.
May we tend it for its variety, its generosity,
its sheer joy as your creation, and may we teach our
children and grandchildren how precious
is every life you are constantly creating.
Help us to 'Show the Love', your love for all the people
of the world and for the generations to come,
in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

READINGS

Exodus 12.21-27; Matthew 4.23-5.20

Psalms 119.9-16

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Those who have died: Joyce Smith; Jenny Smith

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Yvonne Crompton (2016); Noel Turner (2014)

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

Wednesday 1 September: 10 till 12

Quiet Prayer—Church open

PCC Meeting on Zoom at **8pm**

Friday 3 September: 12.30pm

Joyce Smith Funeral Service

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 14

NATIONAL CLIMATE SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

followed by outdoor blessing of new garden

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

A VERY WARM WELCOME TODAY, 29 August, to the Reverend Bruce Rickards who is leading and preaching at the 8am and 10am services. Bruce starts work on 1 September as the newly appointed Chaplain to Heathrow Airport and so we particularly pray for him in his new ministry.

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.

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 **NEXT 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.