

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For 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.

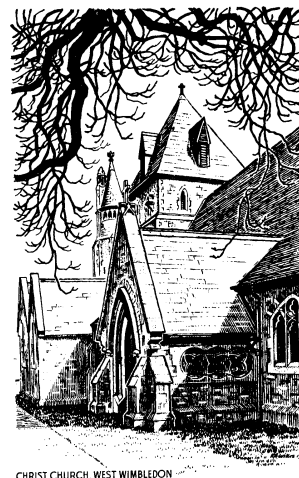
*Romans 4.1–5, 13–17*

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

*John 3.1–17*

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**SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023**

**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.**

### 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.**

### READINGS

Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

### 8am Holy Communion

*led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards*

### 10am All Age Service

*led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards*

NO Junior Church / Senior Church

**HYMNS**: 373, 163, 63, 92

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### Green / World Prayer

Father of Creation,  
God of Compassion,  
we thank you that you  
are a holy Trinity of Love.  
Who rules and reigns with self-giving  
sacrificial love.  
To you, we give all praise,  
honour and glory. **Amen.**

*Prayer by Jon Swales*



### 6.30pm BCP Sung Evensong

### READINGS

Numbers 21.4-9; Luke 14.27-33

### HYMNS:

624, 634, 171 and Psalm 121

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:** Archdeacon Simon Gates, Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

**Those who have died:** John Taylor, Sally Day, Martin Evans, Yvonne Bentley

**Those whose anniversary falls at this time:** Mona Simpson (2019); Jessie Rushton (2003); Mary Garrard (2021); Daphne Chinn (2013)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### TUESDAY 7th MARCH

**12.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE**

**for the late Martin Evans**

**8.00pm ECO MEETING Truman Room**

#### WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH

**9.15am TODDLER GROUP**

**8.00pm PCC MEETING Truman Room**

### NEXT WEEK

#### SUNDAY 12th MARCH

**THIRD SUNDAY of LENT**

**No 8am Service**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*led by Rev'd Judith Bersweden*

with Junior Church / Senior Church

**6.30pm EVENING PRAYER**

The Funeral for **Martin Evans** will take place in Church this Tuesday 7th March at 12.30pm, followed by a reception in the Church Hall. The family will attend the burial after the service and return to join us at around 2.40pm.

**EASTER LILIES** If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Church, in memory of a loved one, there is a collection box and list at the back of church.

**CHALICE**—Once we have put together a list of those involved we will be reintroducing the Chalice (the wine with the bread) on Sunday 2nd April. The Archdeacon, Simon Gates advised that this has been reintroduced into all of his Churches. Taking the wine is up to you, if you don't want to receive the it, keep your hands at your side, or get up after you have had the bread. Dipping the bread into the wine is NOT an option. Thank you.

**ECO CHURCH MEETING** 8.00pm this Tuesday, 7th March in the Truman Room. All are welcome. Come as a one off or regularly to contribute to the plans for 2023 to continue our work caring for God's earth and all creation. Just turn up or contact Lucy Christie via the Parish Office for more information.

**CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB** The book club at Christ Church has been going for over 20 years and still has some original members! We are very sorry to be losing Mike who was an enthusiastic member when time allowed. Why not join us to enjoy a varied selection of books. We are currently still meeting on Zoom on Thursday afternoons every two months so there is plenty of time to read the chosen books. We started out following recommendations from the Church Times but now we read a wide variety of books, mainly fiction but some biographies, some classics really anything recommended by our members.

Unlike some Book Clubs there is no obligation to cook meals, provide homemade cakes or even choose the books just come and enjoy a good discussion. Everyone is welcome – men and women and you don't have to read every book. For further information contact Lynda Coleman via [ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk)

### **THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2023**

This year the theme for The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call is Mental Health & Wellbeing. Focusing on two projects from each of the Episcopal Areas and projects from our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Please see display at the back of Church .

**CHURCH CLEANING** Could you spare an hour or two once a month to help keep our church clean? We have a vacancy on our volunteer cleaning team from February. Please contact Liz Errington via the parish office for further information.

**HALL CAR PARK** Thank you for being considerate when you use the hall car park on a Sunday morning. It's possible to park four cars on both sides. Four can easily fit to the left of the hall (if you are facing it), and 4 smaller cars could park on the right. Thank you.

This months' edition of **THE BRIDGE** can be read and downloaded from: [southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

## INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Merciful God,  
whose love is freely given  
to all in this Parish and Congregation,  
and throughout your whole creation,  
help us to grow in that love  
during our interregnum and the future.  
Give us wisdom and courage,  
in our search for a new vicar,  
in the tasks that need to be done in the meantime,  
and in the holding together of the congregation.  
In the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

