

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6.6–19

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022

15th SUNDAY after TRINITY



Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help
from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Morning services will be led by
the Revd Bruce Rickards,
Chaplain at Heathrow Airport

READINGS

1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-end

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

HYMNS 447, 410, 554, 402

Green / World Prayer

Affirmation of faith for harvest:
We believe that Creation is a gift of God,
an expression of our Creator's goodness.

We believe that as human beings
we are part of this creation
and that we share in a special way
in the creative power of God.

We believe that the resources of our land
and waters and air
are precious gifts from our Creator,
to be used and looked after with loving care.

We believe that there is a rhythm
to God's creation, like a drum beat;
When we lose the beat, or the drum is damaged,
the music is out of tune. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

READINGS

Nehemiah 2; John 8.31-38, 48-end

HYMNS: 141, 418, 465:

Psalm 135.1-14

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon Kimber; Wendy Rafferty; George Greenshields.

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Michael Holloway (2014); Rosemary Dabbs (2010); Anne Beaumont (2017)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

9.15am Toddler Group in hall

THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

3.00pm Together on Thursday in hall

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER – HARVEST FESTIVAL

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Harvest Festival

followed by Brownies Cake Sale in church

11.15am Confirmation Group

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

We give thanks to Reverend Bruce Rickards for leading our morning services in Mike's absence.

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME: Thank you to those who have signed up for this new way of giving. Please be aware, as stated in the information leaflet, that within 10 working days you will receive a letter confirming the date of your 1st gift, which is likely to be the next month. However, we are aware this could lead to the church losing out on a person's monthly contribution, if existing contributions are cancelled immediately. Please can you check that all your payments have been correctly paid to the church? If you have any queries do speak to Lynda Coleman. Thank you.

CREATIONTIDE 2022: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's display. Enjoy this season of Creationtide and please do add a prayer leaf to our prayer tree.

HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place next Sunday 2nd October, followed by Brownies cake stall in church. Please bring gifts of food to the service. Collection money will go to A Rocha Kenya. See separate flier.

SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATE: Our lovely Syrian family have now been with us for 3 months. Your parish support team have all been working hard to help them to settle. And, indeed, they are doing just that. Bariaa is expecting a baby boy in 10 days' time, so there have been lots of preparations. Taim (aged 8) is settling into Poplar School and enjoying being there. Team members have spent a lot of time sorting out medical appointments and accompanying family members. We could not have done without our 3 volunteer interpreters. Helping the family to sort out their finances and benefits has been very hard work. I am delighted to say that we have now been able to hand this over entirely to the family, so they manage their own bank account and payments etc. Learning English quickly is obviously a number 1 priority. I am pleased to say we have a volunteer from the parish for Mohammad and for Bariaa and they will help and guide them. They have a weekly tuition session from a volunteer from the Merton Language Support Unit, and we hope soon they will be able to start more regular formal sessions. Mohammad & Bariaa regularly express to us their gratitude for what we are doing for them. Please keep them in your prayers, especially at this time of the imminent new arrival in the family. *Chris Larkman (Resettlement Project Co-ordinator)*

TEA ON THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

There will be tea in the Church Hall on Thursday 29th September at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There is a list at the back of church to sign if you plan to come, particularly if you would like a lift.

ECO CHURCH CONGREGATION TRAVEL-TO-CHURCH SURVEY

On Sunday 2nd October, members of the Eco Church group will be asking everyone coming to any of the Sunday services about their travel to church. We have the rare distinction of a Silver Eco Church Award and this survey will help us go for Gold and do better with our care for Creation.

Please help us – it's very brief.

We'd like information from everyone, even if you're a visitor.

- ◆ Your name so we don't duplicate records
- ◆ Your postcode to work out the distance to church
- ◆ How many times in a typical month you do a return trip to church for any reason.
- ◆ This includes services, meetings, Toddler Group, gardening, cleaning, KFH, opening up the hall, etc.
- ◆ Your type of transport (can be more than one type in a month)
- ◆ If you travel with others by car we just need the details from one of you and the number of passengers

Please start thinking about how often you come to church in a typical month.

The total miles travelled by all of us in the different modes of transport for a typical month will be entered into the 360° Carbon tool to measure our extended carbon footprint for 2022 from different activities including energy, travel, food, waste, water & other expenditure.