

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

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Philemon 1–21*

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org *Luke 14.25–33*



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**SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022**

**12th SUNDAY after TRINITY**



#### **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 4th SEPTEMBER**

##### **READINGS**

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

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

**10am Celebrate Together**

**HYMNS:** 612, 524, 19, 510

**11.15pm Confirmation Group**

#### **Green / World Prayer**

Merciful God,  
we believe that you uphold  
and sustain all that you have made,  
while also lovingly giving us the freedom  
to live in relationship  
with the rest of creation.  
We ask your forgiveness for the ways  
we have abused that freedom,  
through what we have done  
and what we have left undone.  
We bring our lament and our longing  
for a renewed earth to you now.  
**Amen.**

#### **SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

**12.30pm Baptism of Eliza White**

**6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)**

##### **READINGS**

Isaiah 43.14-44.5; John 5.30-end

**HYMNS:** 537, 282, 376; Psalm 121

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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:** Noel Turner (2014); Janet Titterington (1996); Stan Tanner (1989); Angela Salmon (2014)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

3pm Memorial Service for Poh Lin Wagialla  
8pm PCC Meeting: Truman Room

#### TUESDAY 6th

8pm CTWW, Lantern Methodist Church  
8pm Eco-Church Meeting: Truman Room

#### WEDNESDAY 7th

8pm Resettlement Project: Truman Room

**FRIDAY 9th** *Parish Office closed*

#### SATURDAY 10th

2pm—5pm **CHURCH OPEN HOUSE**

### SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 13

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

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

**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.

**ECO CHURCH AT CHRIST CHURCH:** Meeting in the Truman Room from 8—9pm on Tuesday 6th September. A group to promote caring for God's earth. Please join us as a one-off if you're interested to find out more or come regularly if you want to get involved. Contact Lucy Christie direct or email via the Parish Office for more information.

**SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATE:** Mohammad and Bariaa and the children have been with us now for 6 weeks and are settling into life here really well. They love the flat and are already exploring the local area, visiting Deen City Farm and Morden Hall Park, as well as getting to know the local shops. They have made friends with another resettled Syrian family locally which is a real blessing. Taim, the 8-year-old has started school, and during the summer holidays is attending a local playscheme. After much hard work, we have managed to get them into the health system – with GP and hospital appointments, and Bariaa's pregnancy is going well - their baby is due early October. Whilst there is still a lot of paperwork over benefits and budgeting to be done, it has been a good start. Thank you for your continued support and prayers – there is still much to be done. Chris and Clare.

**DO YOU HAVE** any Second-hand Baby Clothes 0 - 18 months or a new-born baby car seat which is no longer needed, or which we could borrow for a period? Mohammad and Bariaa are looking forward to the arrival of their baby boy - but they have very limited clothing for him. If you have, or know of someone who has, some to spare please let Clare or Chris know via the parish email address.

**THE CHURCH** will be open on Saturday 10th September 2pm to 5 pm to attract members of the local community. **Leaflets** are available for distribution—please take a bundle or two. We will welcome members of the congregation who would like to be around too. There is also a plea for **cakes** which will be welcomed to be served to those who drop in. This is part of the Open House weekend where many buildings are open. Do encourage people to come.

<https://programme.openhouse.org.uk/listings/8712>

**CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP** reopens on Wednesday 14 September. We would welcome offers of help to set up for half an hour on Tuesday evenings from 8.30pm or joining us on Wednesday mornings, (term time only) to help with either refreshments, create an art activity or help clear away. Please contact Mair Rabagliati if you are interested—either speak to her or send an email via the Parish Office. Thank you.

**EDITION 20 OF MICHAEL'S MESSAGES** was published recently. There are paper copies in church.

## FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH

At the recent PCC meeting, John Davey, the Hon Treasurer, reviewed the management accounts for the first half of 2022. Income was £7,700 below budget mainly because giving was lower. Expenditure was £4,700 better than budget because hall costs and structural church repairs were contained. In addition, our investments have seen a drop in value, in line with the worldwide financial situation. For the year 2022 it is anticipated we may incur a significant deficit. The PCC have therefore agreed to defer all but the most urgent and statutory expenditure. The main bulk of our income is from those who belong to and attend Christ Church or who hire the hall. If you do not yet give regularly, we would encourage you to do so. 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. **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**.

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. We would encourage you to join via the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**. As a charity Christ Church can obtain a refund of tax from HMRC on payments we receive from givers who are taxpayers. This involves submitting a claim, with details of the donors and the amounts. This valuable but time-consuming task is currently done by Lynda Coleman. The Church of England has now introduced a Parish **Giving Scheme (PGS)** which means the refunds from registered givers are processed automatically – thus relieving Lynda from some of her work. We have written to all those who have a regular commitment to the Church, by standing order or direct debit, asking them to join the PGS. **If you would like to join the scheme as a new member, please take a blank envelope pack from the cross aisle.** Thank you.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.