

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5.12–19

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Matthew 4.1–11



Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2023

Lent 1



Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

No 8am Service

10am Parish Eucharist

led by Archdeacon Simon Gates
with Junior Church / Senior Church

HYMNS: 173, 554, 129, 175

Green / World Prayer

Prayer of St. Francis

Dear Mother earth, who day by day unfolds rich blessing on our way,

O Praise God! Alleluia!

The fruits and flowers that verdant grow,
let them his praise abundant show.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia. **Amen.**



6.30pm BCP Sung Evensong

READINGS

Deuteronomy 6.4-9,16-end; Luke 15.1-10

HYMNS:

373, 608, 106 and Psalm 32

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: 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: Howard Roberts (2001); Marilyn Rivalland (2015); Bryce Simpson (2009); Arthur Harris (2006); Susan White (1998)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH

9.15am TODDLER GROUP

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

11.30am FUNERAL SERVICE
for the late SALLY DAY

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 5th MARCH

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

8.00am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

10.00am CELEBRATE TOGETHER

led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards

No Junior Church / Senior Church

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

TUESDAY 7th MARCH

12.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE
for the late MARTIN EVANS

8.00pm ECO CHURCH MEETING

Truman Room

WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH

9.15am TODDLER GROUP

The Funeral service for the late **Sally Day** will take place in church on Friday 3rd March at 11.30am.

The Funeral for **Martin Evans** will take place in Church on 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.

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

ECO CHURCH MEETING 8.00pm on 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.

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.

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

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER 2023 from the women of Taiwan, on **Friday 3rd March**, 10.30am, at Martin Way Methodist Church SW20 9JZ. Light refreshments available after the service. All are welcome. www.wwdp.org.uk

CHRISTIAN CARE currently needs the following items of furniture: strong wooden bed frames; chest of drawers; manageable wardrobes; modestly sized sofas with fire labels; compact dining tables and chairs. Please email offers attaching photo and measurements to christiancaremerton@gmail.com For more information speak to Pat Spencer or Chris Larkman. <https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/Project>

We have received thanks from Christian Care for the monies we sent following Christmas collections. With the money they were able to share hampers and small gifts for children and young people. They said that Christ Church was generous. They are expecting 2023 to be challenging for many families.

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.

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.