

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8.26-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

John 15.1-8



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SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Loving God,
You saw everything that you had made – and it was very good. We are awed by what we see that is still good but weep for what we have spoilt. Give us the heart and will in our living and praying to restore all creation to the very good. So we may show our love to you, the Lord of love. **Amen.**

Revd. Linda Atkin.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Isaiah 60.1-14; Revelation 3.1-13

Psalm 96

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green;
Jenny Smith; Judith Sanson; Sachin Shah;

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Brian Skelton (2004)

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 3 May—May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4 May— 5pm Zoom Finance Committee

Wednesday 5 May—10 till 12 Church open

Thursday 6 May— Election Day

SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021


Celebrant and Preacher at 8am/10am:

The Revd Judith Bersweden

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)

Alleluia
He is

Risen

ONLINE GIVING: There is a web link which has now been inserted onto the website and where you can make payments. The link connects you to the SumUp giving system which is the same as the contactless collection method in church. For donations over £3,000 please use a bank transfer as indicated below. There is a retained commission of 2% on donations via SumUp. We have also been given a QR code below:



FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the life of Christ Church—and many thanks to those who have sent a donation in response to the recent letter from the Churchwardens—not too late to donate!

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**

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on **SUNDAY 30 MAY at 11am in church** and also **via Zoom**. In advance of this:

1. If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll, please complete a pink form and leave in church. The current roll and forms are in the cross aisle. Closing date is **TODAY!**
2. We have vacancies for 4 or 5 members of the **Church Council**—meeting every two months to transact church business. There are nomination forms available in the cross aisle, which need to be signed by a proposer and a seconder and returned to Michael.

THE EASTER QUIZ BOOK: entries can now be returned for marking!

CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE—Can you grow sunflowers? Please take a leaflet and some seeds from the table and start growing, ready for 5 September!

RESERVE THE DATE OF SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER in your diaries! This is National Climate Sunday when we will be thinking about our world and the environment. It is also the date we have reserved for the outdoor blessing of our new garden after the 10am service followed by a garden party!

