

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

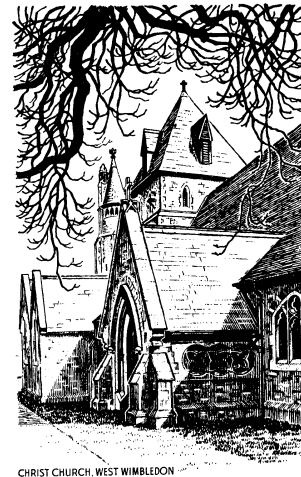
Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Acts 2.42–47*

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

*John 10.1–10*



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

## Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

**Parish Office** : Christ Church, 2 Cottenham Park Road,  
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**SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2023**

**EASTER 4**



#### Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

#### Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### 10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

*Service led by Rev'd Mandy Hodgson  
with Junior Church / Senior Church*

#### READINGS:

Acts 2.41-end; John 10.1-10

#### HYMNS:

623, 666, 653, 431

#### Green Prayer

Empower us to be faithful to your Son,  
until that day,  
when the Kingdom of Your Son,  
now inaugurated, is consummated.

Until that day,  
when swords of ecological violence  
are turned into ploughshares.  
Until that day, when unrestrained capitalism  
and empires of exploitation are no more.

To him who sits on the throne,  
and to the lamb,  
be all praise, honour and glory.

**Amen.**

*Excerpt from Jon Swales' prayer no 15: Resurrection*

#### 6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

#### READINGS:

Ezra 3.1-13; Ephesians 2.11-end

#### HYMNS:

147, 156, 321, Psalm 29 VS 1-10

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Those who are ill or in need:** Leslie Robertson, Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields, Joyce Alice Boulding

**Those who have died:**

**Anniversary of death:** Betty Robertson (2019); Gayle Gash (2011)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY

**9.15am TODDLER GROUP**

**8.00pm PCC Meeting** in Truman Room

### NEXT WEEK

#### SUNDAY 7th MAY

#### **EASTER 5**

#### **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

*Services led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards*

**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

**10.00am ALL AGE SERVICE**

*followed by cake & fizz in the Hall*

no Junior Church / Senior Church

**6.30pm BCP EVENSONG**

**TODDLER GROUP SET UP** Help is needed to put out equipment and toys in the hall on Tuesday evenings at 8.40pm, for about 40 mins either on a regular or occasional basis term-time only. Please contact Mair Rabagliati or the Parish Office.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday 28th April, Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th May.

**CREATIONTIDE 2023 SERVICE** A date for your diary: **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00am, we'll have a special Creationtide service with Jack Edwards, Diocesan Environment Officer for Southwark, as our guest preacher.

#### **CREATIONTIDE 2023 DISPLAY**

In the season of Creationtide we will think about God's Earth and all creation: The biblical mandate to care and the reality of climate change, pollution and extinctions. Once again, we'll have a display of pictures, photographs, Thank you. paintings and objects from church members. Please start collecting, cutting out, photographing and creating for this year's display. Contributions will be collected at church in July and August. If it's difficult for you to print photos, you can email them to Lucy Christie direct or via the parish office nearer the time.

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place on Sunday 21st May, after the 10.00am Service. At that meeting we will update our Electoral Roll—A list of everyone at Christ Church. If you are not on the list, we want you to be! A copy of the current list is at the back of church. If you need to join, take a form and hand it to one of the Churchwardens.

**Christian CARE Association**, a local charity urgently needs a Deputy CARE Coordinator to assist the CARE Coordinator in its day to day running. All staff are volunteers and this job should take up the equivalent of 2 days a week. For more information see notice board at back of church or the charity's website <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> volunteering section or speak to Pat Spencer.

**CHARITY COLLECTIONS FOR THE BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL AND THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY** The Bishop's Lent Appeal raised £307.50 including Gift Aid and the Easter collection for The Church Mission Society raised £195. The Gift Aid on that will be claimed by CMS.

**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.

#### **UPDATE FROM A ROCHA KENYA**

For over 3 years we have partnered in prayer with A Rocha Kenya. Please pray for staff to navigate well through a period of transition as they have completed three projects and new ones have started in 2023. More detailed prayer requests are on the board in the prayer corner. The staff at A Rocha Kenya send greetings and, wonderfully, they are praying for us as we seek a new vicar and for our work as an Eco Church.

#### **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.**