

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1.6-14

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

John 17.1-11



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023

EASTER 7



COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth
with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness
and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ
has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us
to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Service led by Archdeacon Simon Gates
with Junior & Senior Church followed by
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
READINGS: Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11
HYMNS: 48 (omit v 2,3,4), 410, 11, 466

GREEN PRAYER

Father of Creation,
God of Compassion,
Still our restless souls,
calm our frantic thoughts.
We look to you for comfort,
strength and wisdom.

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy.
Amen.

Excerpt from
Jon Swales' prayer no 6:
World on fire

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

READINGS: 2 Samuel 23.1-5;
Ephesians 1.15-end
HYMNS: 306, 86, 108
Psalm 47

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Bob Baker, Dorothy Turner, Leslie Robertson, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields

Those who have died: Grace Tapping, Joyce Boulding

Anniversary of death: Sue Morrell (2020); Constance Durie (2020); Jeremy Fleming (1999)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 24th MAY

9.15am TODDLER GROUP

THURSDAY 25th MAY

3.00pm TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA
in Hall

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 28th MAY

PENTCOST

Services led by Rev'd Alun Ford

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

No Junior Church / Senior Church

6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

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THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place **TODAY**, 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. Annual Accounts and Reports are available on the cross aisle. Everyone is welcome.

TOGETHER on THURSDAYS There will be tea in the Hall this **Thursday, 25th May** at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church if you plan to come, indicating if you would like a lift.

OPEN GARDENS on **Sunday 4th June**. Meet in the Church garden at 2.00pm. Four glorious gardens, ending with a lovely tea, garden quiz and plant sale. Contributions to the plant stall will be very welcome. All donations will go towards buying plants for the garden's green spaces.

ECO CHURCH at **CHRIST CHURCH** Our next meeting is in the Truman Room from 8-9pm on **Tuesday 6th June**. A group to promote caring for God's earth. Please join us if you're interested to find out more or get involved and it's fine to come as a one-off. Contact Lucy Christie via the Parish Office to find out more.

ECO LIVING and FAIRTRADE SALE 9.30am-11.30am **Wednesday 7th June** at the Mansel Road Centre, Trinity URC, Mansel Road, Wimbledon. SW19 4AA. Selling a wide variety of Eco Living and Traidcraft products at wholesale prices. A cup of tea or coffee in exchange for a Foodbank donation.

CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE

On **Sunday 11th June** during the 10.00am service Junior Church and Stepping Up Church will be taking part in this nature survey of the church grounds. We're hoping to identify more species

this year and find out more facts about our tremendous trees. Look out for our Eco Church Scavenger Hunt which everyone can do after the service.



It's about the children

children whose experience beyond the classroom is often sitting in a darkened room with the TV on, and whose highlight of the week is going shopping. Through Christian CARE's Children's and Families' Activities Project with the opportunity for outings, Falcon camps places, family holidays, Polka Theatre experiences, and presents at Christmas and birthday to encourage creativity and family togetherness we try to bring enrichment into children's lives. We are looking for a volunteer to lead the team and coordinate all the activities. Could it be you? Search the website for more details

<https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/volunteers>
To arrange a visit to Martin Way Methodist Church in Morden to learn more of the impact we can have in children's lives, contact Gillian, CARE Coordinator Mobile 07932 628 840 or email gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk

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.**