

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14.1-12

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Matthew 18.21-35

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CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON



SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023
TRINITY 15



COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church
from all false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help
from all things hurtful, and lead us
to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10.00am PARSH EUCHARIST
Service led by Rev'd Bruce Rickards.

Sermon: Gabby Parikh,
Diocese of Southwark's Head of Giving

READINGS: Romans 14.1-12;
Matthew 18.21-35

HYMNS: 63, 435, 51, 288

GREEN PRAYER

Litany of repentance

God of light, life and love,
God of land, and sea, and sky,
who called creation into existence
and wove it into a rich tapestry,
a fine mat, a web of life.
Your spirit hovered over the face
of the primordial waters,
and was breathed into humankind
after you made us equally in your image.
Your word was made flesh and embodied
your divine love as it took root
and bore fruit in us,
restoring our relationship with you.
Amen.

*(Rev. James Shri Bhagwan, General Secretary
of the Pacific Conference of Churches)*

6.30pm BCP EVENSONG

Service led by Rev'd Stephen Edmonds

READINGS: Ezekiel 20.1-8,33-44;
Acts 20.17-31

HYMNS: 219, 206, 605 Psalm 114

Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Peter Turner, Chris Kernan, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

Those who have died: Grace Tapping.

Anniversary of death: Franklin Hancock (2007); Simon Titterington (2020); Alec Morley (2009); Richard Lowe (2017); Elizabeth Fleming (2017)

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

9.15am **TODDLER GROUP** Hall

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 16

Service led by Rev'd Peter Sills

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Junior & Senior Church

6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place on Sunday 1st October.

CALL FOR VEGETARIAN & VEGAN RECIPES. Please bring your favourite recipes to the 10.00am Harvest Service to pin on our board. The Eco Church Group will collate them into a Christ Church Cooks booklet available late this autumn.

HARVEST VEGAN TASTING STALL After the 10.00am service—why not try a vegan milk in your coffee? Vegan products to taste.

HARVEST DONATIONS—Please bring gifts of food to the services to go to Wimbledon Foodbank, Christian Care Association and Merton Refuge. See the separate flier for guidance. The collection money will go to A Rocha Kenya, Christian environmental organisation who we partner in prayer.

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAY Thank you to everyone who contributed. Enjoy the display in the coming weeks and add a prayer on our pathway to 'net zero'.

DIVESTMENT from FOSSIL FUELS

Dis-investment, is the moving of investments out of particular stocks, bonds or funds. In June 2023, the Church of England's Church Commissioners and Pensions Board announced the historic decision to divest from all oil and gas companies for failing to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement on combatting climate change and transitioning to renewable energy. And so have we! In May this year, the PCC of Christ Church declared that they do not hold any fossil fuel investments and will not invest in fossil fuels in the future. At least 23 Church of England dioceses have made a commitment and - breaking news - Southwark Diocesan Synod have also just voted to divest from fossil fuels.

TOGETHER ON THURSDAY TEA is on 28th September. All are welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church indicating if you need a lift.

NEW VICAR ANNOUNCEMENT

THE REVEREND LOTWINA FARODOYE

IS DELIGHTED TO BE APPOINTED
VICAR OF CHRIST CHURCH
AND IS VERY MUCH LOOKING
FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW
YOU ALL.

*THE LICENSING IS TAKING PLACE
ON **MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**
AT **7.00PM** IN CHURCH,
WITH A PARTY AFTERWARDS
- ALL OF YOU ARE WELCOME.*

*PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE TO THE PARISH OFFICE.*

INSTALLATION SERVICE on ZOOM

If you can't make it to Church, Lotwina's Licensing Service will be available to watch live on Zoom. The Parish office will send out an email on the 25th September to those who receive the electronic version of the weekly noticesheet. If you would like to watch it on Zoom, and are not on this Mail-out, please let one of the Wardens know and we will make sure you are sent it.

DONATIONS: If you don't carry cash but would like to donate to Christ Church, we have a card reader at the cross aisle which you are welcome to use. Thank you.