

# ST JAMES CHURCH CLIFTON

## THE VIEW FROM LISTER STREET



by Marcela Kucak

## Dear Friends

This week we are invited to reflect on Christian unity – not as uniformity, but as shared life.

Our common ground is not taste, style, or even complete agreement in theology. It is baptism. In baptism we are joined to Christ, and through Christ we are joined to one another – made siblings before we ever learn to argue, worship differently, or describe God in distinct ways.

That does not mean our differences are unimportant. The richness of the Church is found in its many voices, traditions, and expressions of faith. But unity is not something we manufacture by smoothing over disagreement; it is something we receive as a gift. A gift we are then called to live out with humility, patience, and love.

To seek unity is to recognise Christ at work beyond the boundaries of our own familiar language and practice. It is to rejoice when others pray, serve, and witness differently – and to trust that the same Spirit is at work, drawing us all more deeply into the life of God.

As we continue to live out our baptismal calling, may we learn to honour one another as brothers and sisters in Christ – walking together where we can, listening well where we differ, and always sharing in the one life we receive from him.

With prayers and every blessing,  
Mthr Caroline

## Dates for your Diary

26 January 7pm - PCC at the vicarage  
1 February - 10.30am All Age Candlemas Service with Christingle  
18 February - 6pm Ash Wednesday Service  
19 February - 6pm Taizé  
*Details of Lent Courses to follow*

## Readings

*Click below to read the passages*

[Isaiah 49.1-7](#)

[Psalm 40:1-12](#)

[1 Corinthians 1.1-9](#)

[John 1.29-42](#)

## Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post-Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Donate

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## Pray for:

We pray for all those considering and preparing for baptism

We pray for Bishop Pete and his family in their grief.

For the Mission Area and our work together

For the appointment of a Community Worker

If you would like us to pray for someone or something in particular, send an email to Mthr Caroline to add to the list (*please ensure you have the person's permission*)

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