This week's readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12, 11-8

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16.13–20

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SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

Collect
God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion
God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Green World Prayer
Father of creation, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, your son walked this land of soil and dust and dreamed a dream of a different world, a kingdom in which the hungry are fed and the humble are lifted high. May we too, who walk this earth, tread lightly upon the soil, and, like your Son, may we be kingdom people who dream and act, who tend and keep, guard and protect, plant and harvest, sustain and develop this world that you have made. May our hearts, as fertile soil, be the place from which the fruits of the spirit grow. May we, like Jesus, feed the hungry. And care about the soil from which it comes. In all areas of life may we point both to the King and the coming kingdom. **Amen**

8am
HOLY COMMUNION
Readings
Romans 12. 1-8;
Matthew 16. 13-20

10am
PARISH EUCHARIST
Readings
Romans 12. 1-8;
Matthew 16. 13-20
Hymns
157, 605, 622, 61

6.30pm
EVENSONG
Readings
2 Kings 6. 8-23;
Acts 17. 15-end
Hymns 12, 86, 19;
Psalm 95



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need…
Val Hancock, Liana, Sara Taylor
Those who have died…
Anniversary of death… John Castle (2005), Pauline Shepherd-Walwyn (2019), Peter Christie (2020), Jenny Smith (2021)
Our Link Parish St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe

THIS WEEK

Sunday 23 August
TRINITY 12
8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 26 August
9.15am No Toddler Group
(Summer Holiday break)
12 noon Prayer Group

Thursday 27 August
3pm Together on Thursday Tea
(In the hall)

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 30 August
TRINITY 13
8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 2 September
9.15am No Toddler Group
(Summer Holiday break. Restarts 16 September)
12 noon Prayer Group



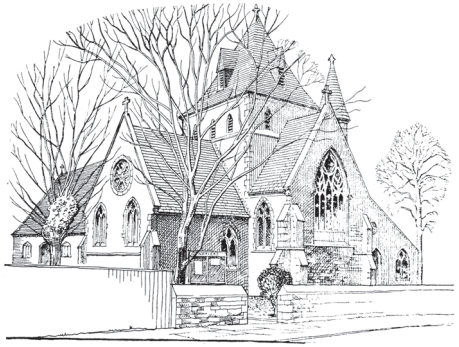
TEA TOGETHER ON THURSDAY

3pm, Thursday 27 August
This month we'll be fundraising for Breast Cancer Now. All are welcome. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you need a lift.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY…

BEATING THE BOUNDS
13 September
with Holy Trinity, Roehampton after 10am Service. More details soon…

THEOLOGY & GARDENING
6:30pm, 30 September
A lecture in Kew Gardens by Carmody Grey, Professor of Integral Ecology at Radboud University, Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics and a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's *The Moral Maze*. Details and tickets: kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk/events-schedule



NOTICES

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP
Meets at Mair Rabagliati's and simultaneously on Zoom – everyone is welcome to join for lively discussion and coffee. For further information and date of the next meeting contact Lynda Coleman via the Parish office.

CREATIONTIDE DISPLAYS
1 September to 4 October
Pop your pictures, paintings, photographs and objects in the box on the table at the back of church. If it's difficult for you to print photos, email them to Mary Ann Bown, ccwwecochurch@gmail.com. This year, we especially welcome images of waterways and ponds, including from Wimbledon Common (with locations, if possible). If you'd like to decorate one of the church alcoves please let us know.

HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF FAITH IN ACTION
The project urgently needs to find new premises. You are invited to a meeting 7pm, 17 September to help identify premises, funding opportunities and practical support. More details at mertonfaithinaction.org or the poster in the church.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY PASS

We have a free pass for Westminster Abbey for four adults/children (aged 6-16). We can use it six times during a 12-month period. **Please enquire via the Churchwardens, Tish or Sarah.**

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MISSION OF CHRIST CHURCH…

by scanning the QR code below to donate. Your generosity helps us cover essential costs and continue our work in the community. Every contribution, big or small, is deeply appreciated. If you would like to donate using our card reader at the cross aisle, you will see that there are two options, one is for a donation to the Church, and the other option is for special services (a specific charity in a given week), we are able to differentiate.
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