

This week's readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **Romans 8.12–25**

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him,

"Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! **Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43**



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SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts
and make them grow: though our
faith is small as mustard seed, make
it grow to your glory and the
flourishing of your kingdom; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the
source of life, ever giving himself that the world may
live: may we so receive within ourselves the power
of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we
may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Green World Prayer

Father of Creation, God of Compassion, We have moved East of Eden, We are Homesick
Exiles, Creation groans, The Tree of Life is no more. We have opened the door to the sin
of ecological violence, And it has overwhelmed us. Through the greed of exploitation, Slash
and Burn, Over Consumption Unrestrained Capitalism has unleashed hell against Forests,
Woods and Jungles. Father of Creation, God of Compassion, We have sinned and done evil
in your sight. As unrestrained capitalism, fed by consumerism and profiteering, Plunders
and Pillages, Ransacks and Rapes The Woods, Forests and Jungles. **Amen**

**8am HOLY
COMMUNION**
Readings Romans 8. 12-25;
Matthew 13. 24-30, 35-43

**10am COMMUNION
with the Baptism of Hugo**
Readings
Romans 8. 12-25;
Matthew 13. 24-30, 35-43
Hymns 19, 67, 575, 535

**6.30pm
EVENSONG**
Readings
1 Kings 2. 10-12, 3.16-end;
Acts 4. 1-22
Hymns 246, 648, 121,
Psalm 67



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need...

Val Hancock, Liana, Sara Taylor

Those who have died...

Anniversary of death... Edward Rocksborough Smith (1989)

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



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and continue our work
in the community.

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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.

**Thank you for your
kindness
and support!**



THIS WEEK

Sunday 19 July

TRINITY 7

8am Holy Communion

10am Communion with
Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 22 July

9.15am No Toddler Group

(Summer Holiday break)

12 noon Prayer Group



*Congratulations
to baby, Hugo
who is getting
Baptised this week*



WESTMINSTER ABBEY PASS

We now have a pass for Westminster
Abbey that admits free of charge on
one visit 4 adults or children aged
6-16 years and we can use it 6 times
during a 12-month period.

**Please enquire via Tish
or Sarah, Churchwardens.**

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 26 July

TRINITY 8

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 29 July

9.15am No Toddler Group

(Summer Holiday break)

12 noon Prayer Group

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

Please put your pictures, paintings, photographs
and objects for this year's Creationtide Display
in the box on the table at the back of church between
12 July and 16 August. If it's difficult for you to print
photos, you can email them to Mary Ann Bown via
ccwwecochurch@gmail.com or via the parish office
by 17 August. This year, we especially welcome images
of waterways and ponds, including from Wimbledon
Common (with locations, if possible), to reflect our
themes for Creationtide.

**Would you also enjoy decorating one of the
church alcoves for Creationtide (1 September
to 4 October)?** We've already received one offer,
and more are very welcome! Again, please let us
know via Mary Ann (ccwwecochurch@gmail.com)
or the parish office.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
BEATING THE BOUNDS
with Holy Trinity, Roehampton
after 10am Service.
Further details to follow soon...