

This week's readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.26–39

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52



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SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Green World Prayer

Father of Creation, God of Compassion, We remember your son nailed to a tree, whose blood poured out on the wood of the cross, to remind us of self-giving sacrificial love. In his glorious resurrection, we are offered hope, and called to a new way of being, a Priestly calling to tend and keep. Father of Creation, God of Compassion, You have not abandoned us, but are working through us and in us to bring your kingdom. A kingdom of Justice and Peace, a kingdom in which is to be found, a tree for the healing of the nations. We pray for the trees, the woods, forest and jungles. Call us afresh to tend and keep, Guard and protect, until that day when we shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace, the mountains and hills shall burst into song, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands. **Amen**

8am HOLY COMMUNION Readings

Romans 8. 26-39;
Matthew 13. 31-35, 44-52

10am PARISH EUCHARIST Readings

Romans 8. 26-39;
Matthew 13. 31-35, 44-52,
Hymns
64, 2, 627, 207

6.30pm EVENSONG Readings

1 Kings 6. 11-14, 23-end;
Acts 12. 1-17
Hymns 369, 282, 605,
Psalm 75



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need...

Val Hancock, Liana, Sara Taylor, Tish Mousell

Those who have died... Colin David Wheeler

Anniversary of death... Margaret Luddington (2001)

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



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THIS 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

Thursday 30 July

3pm Tea Together on Thursday



TEA TOGETHER ON THURSDAY

Thursday 30 July

*Please add your name to list at back
of church if you would like a lift*



WESTMINSTER ABBEY PASS

We now have a free pass for
Westminster Abbey that admits
four adults/children (aged 6-16)
on one visit. We can use it six times
during a 12-month period.

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

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 2 August

TRINITY 9

8am Holy Communion

10am All-age Service

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 5 August

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...