

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Ephesians 6.10–20

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

John 6.56–69



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Sunday 26 August 2018
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend: show us your glory
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more
than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Green Prayer

Loving Father, forgive us
that while many seek to live sustainable
by travelling less,
conserving energy and consuming less,
we for so long have turned a blind eye
to the impact of our numbers on your
world. Forgive us for our ignorance
and unwillingness to face the truth.
Help us to think deeply and honestly
about the choices we have to make
if we are to reduce our impact
on a finite world. Amen.

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Ephesians 6. 10-20

John 6. 56-69

10.00am Parish Eucharist

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HYMNS

108, 369, 167, 64, 152

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

Exodus 4. 27—5.1

Hebrews 13. 16-21

HYMNS

219, 206, 605

Psalms 116. 10-17

11.15am PCC Meeting in Truman Room



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Giles Ellis; Claudius; Finley — we give thanks for the completion of his treatment and pray for his continuing recovery.

Those who have died:

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Link Parish: The People of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Bulawayo

Tuesday 28 August

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 30 August

3.00pm Together on Thursdays tea

Friday 31 August

7.30pm Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER —

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

with the Baptism of Harry Grafton

6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Monday 3—Wednesday 12 September

Pilgrimage to Palazzola and Assisi

Monday 3 September

8.00pm Junior Church Leaders at Tish's house

Tuesday 4 September

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Book Club

205 Cottenham Park Road

Thursday 6 September

8.00pm Social Committee at Mike

Hammond's house

Friday 7 September

7.30pm Choir Practice



10am SERVICE: ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

There are paper puzzles and craft activities in the Truman Room for children up to 12 years old. Please help yourself at any time during the service.

WE ARE PLANNING AN AWAYDAY to try to agree a new vision for Christ Church and a 5 year mission plan. It will take place **in the Hall on Saturday 15 September from 9.00am to 2.00pm**. All are welcome to attend with a view to contributing towards this. If you would like to take part, please sign the list at the back of Church. If you cannot be there but have some views about the sort of objectives we should be incorporating, then do let Michael know.

TOGETHER ON THURSDAYS—There will be tea on **Thursday 30th August at 3pm** in the Hall or in the garden if the weather is good. Everyone is welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church if you need a lift or if you can help or offer lifts.

CREATIONTIDE 2018: Witnesses of Creation As we celebrate God the creator and sustainer of all life, what inspires you in the natural world? What of the influence of humanity on our shared planet Earth? You are invited to contribute photographs, pictures or small objects for this year's display in church for Creationtide. Please put contributions in the box at the back of church.

TOGETHER ON THURSDAYS meets on the last Thursday of each month between 3pm and 4.30pm, offering the chance for members of the congregation to meet for a chat over a cuppa and cake. Occasionally there are trips out. We are in need of some additional helpers—to assist with transport, as well as making tea etc. Could you join the team to help—even if only on occasions? Please speak to Jenny Tomlinson or Michael for more details.

EXPENSES CLAIMS—The church is now reimbursing expenses direct into claimants' bank accounts rather than issuing cheques. Please would anyone making a claim for expenses, include (in confidence) their bank details, sort code, account name and account number. Claim forms are available from the churchwardens. Completed forms should be returned to the churchwardens with any accompanying paperwork and /or receipts. Thank you.

STONEMWORK APPEAL has so far raised **£15,723**—thank you to all those who have contributed so generously, including members of the local community. Do have a look at the photos of the work recently undertaken which are displayed at the back of the Church.

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