

### A reading from the letter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*James 2. 1-17*

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

*Mark 7. 24-end*



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### Sunday 9 September 2018 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



#### Collect

Lord God, defend your Church  
from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge  
of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty  
cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help  
from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable  
to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Green Prayer

Dear Father,  
you have given us matchless gifts in the  
realm of science and technology.  
Help us to understand that you alone  
are the source of all truth  
and understanding.  
Let us never be blinded by the lure of  
the market-place or tempted to put  
at risk the lives and health of our  
fellow-humans.  
Watch over our motives, loving Father,  
that we may always give prime place  
to the furtherance of your Kingdom.  
This we ask in the name of your Son,  
who died that we might live. Amen.

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#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

James 2. 1-17

Mark 7. 24-end

#### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

James 2. 1-17

Mark 7. 24-end

#### HYMNS

22, 60, 408, 673

#### 6.30pm Evening Prayer

#### READINGS

Exodus 14. 5-end

Matthew 6. 1-18

#### HYMNS

744, 63, 675

Psalms 119. 49-56



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Those who are ill or in need:

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

**Those who have died:** Claudius Koenig

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this

**week:** Noel Turner (2014), Christopher Shepheard-Walwyn, Stan Tanner (1989), Angela Salmon (2014)

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

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 11 September

11.00am Morning Prayer

### Thursday 13 September

8.00pm Brass Group

### Friday 14 September

7.30pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 15 September

9.00am—2.00pm Away Day in the Hall

## NEXT SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER —

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

## NEXT WEEK

### Tuesday 18 September

11.00am Morning Prayer

### Thursday 20 September

8.00pm Brass Group

### Friday 21 September

10.00am Friday Group, Truman Room

7.30pm Choir Practice



## NEW VICAR TO BE APPOINTED

Until now, the Reverend Michael Burns has held the temporary title of 'Priest-in-Charge' of Christ Church because the parish had no permanent Vicarage. With the purchase of a new vicarage, however, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has recommended to the Bishop of Southwark that he should lift the Suspension of Presentation and allow the Institution of a new Vicar. A well-attended meeting of the Christ Church PCC (without Michael being present) unanimously agreed the appointment of Michael as the next Vicar of Christ Church. The legal formalities will continue their course but, all being well, the formal ceremony will take place on **Sunday 14 October at 10am** when during the Parish Eucharist the Bishop of Kingston will Institute and Induct Michael as the new Vicar. The service will be followed by prosecco and nibbles.

*Julie Grainger & David Simpson, Churchwardens*

## NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It was announced last Sunday that TOM THEAKSTON has accepted the post of Director of Music. Many of you know Tom from the time when he worked at Christ Church about 5 years ago and will be delighted at this news. Because he has been previously contracted for the show 'Kiss Me Kate' at the Sheffield Crucible Theatre until the end of January 2019, Tom will not be starting with us until February 2019 - but we will much look forward to his arrival. In the meantime we are enormously grateful to Stuart Miles, Jonathan Kingan and other organists who are providing welcome cover. A big thank you too, to the Choir who are organising their Friday night practices between themselves.

**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 Tish Mousell know.

**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.

**STONEWORK APPEAL** has so far raised **£15,773**—thank you to all those who have contributed so generously, including members of the wider local community. Do have a look at the photos of the work recently undertaken which are displayed at the back of the Church.

**SUMMER EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWS** has now been published. Do buy your copy now — suggested donation is £2.50p.

## FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 13 October at 6.30pm in the hall. £10.00 a head and children 16 or under are free. All are welcome! Please put your names down on the list at the back of Church to let us know if you are coming.