

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

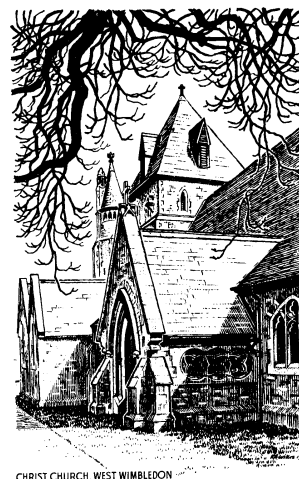
The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Acts 11.1–18

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

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13.31–35



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SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER—CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds
declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 15 MAY

READINGS

Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

HYMNS: 402, 34, 554, 493

Green / World Prayer

Father of all,
We know it grieves your heart to see
the patterns of destruction at work in
so much of the natural world, where
we have deliberately, knowingly or
unwittingly met our needs and wants
without regard for the needs of other
species to survive. And particularly
where we have pursued lifestyles
that have changed the climate on
which others depends for their very
lives. We have done so using the
great gifts you have given us – of
exploration, science, invention and
technology. And have become reliant
on over-exploitation to retain our jobs
and livelihoods. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 15 MAY

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

READINGS

Daniel 6. 6-23; Mark 15.46-16.8

HYMNS: 228, 141, 462

Psalm 98

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon Kimber.

Those who have died: Elaine Boorer;

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Sue Rocksborough Smith (2019); David Lankey (2009); Richard Hodgson (2008); Sue Morrell (2020)

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

THIS WEEK

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK takes place this week, between **15 to 22 May**. Giving envelopes are available in church for your donations.

CHRIST CHURCH GARDENING WEEK—
see details if you would like to help the team

Wednesday 18 May

9.15am-11.15am Toddler Group in hall

10am—12 noon Church open for quiet prayer

Thursday 19 May

7pm St Mark's Gospel at St John's

SUNDAY 22 MAY – EASTER 6

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

**10am Parish Eucharist
with Junior Church**

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer



THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS take place on **SUNDAY MAY 29 at 11.15am** in church. Papers are now available in the cross aisle.

OUR SYRIAN FAMILY: We are delighted that we will soon be welcoming our Syrian family to the flat in Morden on 22 June. The Project Team has been working hard to prepare, e.g. the flat is nearly ready, and we are talking to a local school and GP practice. We are very grateful to parishioners for the many items you have provided for the flat and indeed for the money donated. We wondered if any of you would like to see the flat before we hand it over to the family? We are arranging an open afternoon from **3pm to 5pm on Sunday 29 May**. Please let us know by completing the list at the back of the church, and Chris Larkman will then email you with the address. We do need to ensure that the address is kept confidential.

ST MARKS GOSPEL LIVE is taking place at St John the Baptist, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon on **Thursday 19 May at 7pm:** A solo performance by Rev. Joseph Morris, from Georgia, USA. Tickets are £10 on the door. Details at back of church.



CHURCH GARDEN We are planning planting summer bedding during this coming week, **16 May**. Please email Karen Chinn via the church office if you would like to help - ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk

BRING & SHARE LUNCH We are having a 'bring and share' lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum anniversary. This is taking place on **Sunday 5 June after Church**. If you would like to attend, please can you sign the list at the back of Church. Also, if you would like to bring some food to the lunch, again, there is a list at the back of Church to sign up for. All welcome!

ASCENSION DAY falls on **THURSDAY 26 MAY** and there will be a Service of Holy Communion at **8pm** to which all are welcome.

TRUMAN ROOM—apologies that the loud-speaker isn't working at present—so you won't be able to hear the service in the room.

CHRISTIAN AID'S CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN: The *Loss and Damage* petition calls on the UK Government to influence wealthier nations to deliver the \$100 billion per year that was promised to help vulnerable communities respond to climate change. As followers of Jesus we believe that promises should be kept. The UK still has the COP Presidency until November. You can help your global neighbours by praying and signing the petition: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns> Together we will have an even bigger impact than you can imagine.

TEARFUND are also running a similar campaign called *Time to Deliver:* <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/climate-campaign>

