

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 MAY 2022

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman, Will Stevens
Reading	Jan Sayer
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sia Marshall
Musicians	David Pimm, George Ashley, Diana Johns
Thanksgiving Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 6pm at Christ Church (CC)
Churchwardens	Helen Coulson, Jane Tyrrell
Readings	Jane Tyrrell, Helen Coulson
Prayers	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Musician	David Pimm

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Voluntary II in D minor</i> (Stanley)
SG & CC hymns	327, 217, 499
Setting	Coulson
CC anthem	<i>Come ye faithful, raise the strain</i> (Thatcher)
Closing music	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i> (Stanley)

THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

Today's Gospel Reading (John 21.1-19) is rich in theological meaning. For example, preachers and teachers have long explored the contrasting characters of Peter and the Beloved Disciple (usually identified as John). In today's narrative, the latter is the first to recognise Jesus – 'It is the Lord!' he exclaims in verse 7 – yet it is Peter who is the first to act on this revelation. As John Chrysostom (c. 349-407) wrote in his 'Homilies on the Gospel of John': 'When they recognised him, the disciples Peter and John again exhibited their different temperaments. The one was fervent, the other more contemplative. The one was ready to go, the other more penetrating. John is the one who first recognises Jesus, but Peter is the first to come to him.'

Perhaps, then, there is something to be learned from both Disciples? The Jesuit Order (of which Pope Francis is the best-known contemporary member) reflect something of this balance in their distinctive spirituality of being 'contemplatives in action' – people rooted in the reality of being loved by God in order that they might rise into the realism of loving others. May it be so for us!

God bless.



READING Acts 9.1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

GOSPEL John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and

jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 30

- 1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- 3 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'
- 7 By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
- 9 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!'
- 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- 12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

READING Revelation 5.11-end

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
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I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
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love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Amen. after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember. Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember. Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- Please note the designated socially-distanced zone, front and centre in the church. In this area every other row of pews is closed and we ask you, please, to wear a face covering (unless exempt).
- In the rest of the church all pews are open and we encourage you, please, to wear a face covering.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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PARISH NOTICES

Parish Electoral Roll - This will be revised from 8 May to 13 May inclusive (see full details on the notice in the church porch). If you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, application forms may be obtained from the Parish Office and must be returned by Friday 13 May. If you are already on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address please advise the Parish Office.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - The APCM will be held on Sunday 29 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church. All those on the electoral roll can attend.

Parish Contactless Giving - With the very kind help of a church member we are so pleased to now have an operational digital collection plate in Christ Church which takes contactless payments as well as chip and pin payments. Donations can be made using the collection plate or wish cash today or alternatively via online payment by searching for 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or via: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

Ecclesiastical Home Insurance 2022 Offer - With a new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical Insurance they will donate £130 to our Parish through their Trust130 promotion. For more details go to: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/trust130/>

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues on Wednesdays at 9am. If interested please get in touch with the Parish Office for Zoom details.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Wednesday 4 May, 11am.

Thanksgiving Service & Supper - We are holding a special service in Christ Church this evening at 6pm. It is an opportunity to pay tribute to all our volunteers, as well as a time to say a special 'thank you' to some long-standing dedicated individuals, who have contributed so much to the Parish over many years and are now standing down. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Children and Families Worker - We're looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and fun person to grow our ministry to children from preschool to 11 years old. If you're someone who can help children explore spirituality, meaning and purpose in imaginative and inspiring ways then we would love to hear from you. Full details of this part-time role (14 hours per week), and how to apply, can be found on the Parish website. The closing date is Friday 6 May.

Sunday School - Our wonderful Sunday School is now back in action. However, for it to continue to thrive we need some volunteers to help. It's great fun and the children are amazing! Please contact the Rector if you'd like to be involved. Degrees in theology are not needed – just a love of being with little ones as they learn and grow.

Friends Update - The next 'Come for Coffee' morning will take place on Wednesday 11 May in St George's at 10.30am. After that it will be at Christ Church on Wednesday 25 May.

Parish Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 May, 4.30pm, at Christ Church. Juliet Philip will lead our discussion on 'Purple Hibiscus' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The novel is set in Nigeria and Juliet will bring something of her own experience of a childhood in Africa. For information contact Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380 or jandrewesh@gmail.com.

PARISH NOTICES

Ukraine Charity Gala Concert - Guest artists from Ukraine will perform a selection of folk music and classical favourites in aid of the Emergency Relief Appeal, at Christ Church on Saturday 21 May at 5pm. See posters or the Parish website for details or book via www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher.

Ukraine Donations - We are collecting urgently needed supplies for refugees and those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you have any of the items listed below, please leave at the back of Christ Church, which is now open every day. They will be delivered to our nearest drop-off point – a Ukrainian restaurant called Prosperity in Twickenham. Note clothes are not needed. Donations must be clean, organised and labelled if mixed. Sturdy packaging is essential. Many thanks for your kindness in these dark hours.

- large/medium sized backpacks
- camping mats, sleeping bags, torches
- warm blankets, all sizes
- thermal/base layer clothing, warm socks
- non-perishable/dry/canned food
- baby food/milk, bottles, wet wipes, nappies
- protein/energy bars, sweets
- non-perishable pet food
- painkillers (ibuprofen/paracetamol etc)
- cold/flu medicine (lemsips etc)
- wound dressings/gauze, non-woven plasters
- first aid medical kits, medical gloves, scissors
- disinfectants, antiseptics
- hot water bottles, insulated flasks
- feminine sanitary products
- power banks, cables (for charging mobiles)

Helping the Animals in Ukraine - Animal charities and organisations are working together to rescue and care for animals and pets affected by the war. This website provides some very useful information: <https://www.animalscharities.co.uk/ukraine>

Foodbank at Christ Church - The Christ Church foodbank operation will support those in need in our Parish, particularly those in Lower Green. We are grateful to the volunteers who have offered to help. We plan to open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm.

Music on the Green - Our next lunchtime concert, at 1.15pm on Wednesday 18 May, will feature an organ recital by Christopher Herrick, former sub-organist of Westminster Abbey. To watch MOTG concerts on YouTube, search 'Music on the Green Esher' (and remember to subscribe!). Contact the Parish Office to be added to our MOTG email list.

Prayer & Action Group - The first meeting of a new Emly Deanery group led by the Mother's Union of St Christopher's Church will be on Wednesday 11 May at St Nicholas Church in Thames Ditton. There will be a talk, discussion and a short worship session. The meeting is 8-9pm, with refreshments from 7.30pm. For information and to book call or email - 0208 398 5513 / mu@stchristopherschurch.org.uk.

Church Rooms at Christ Church - We have just become aware that Wednesday 4 May marks the 25th anniversary of the dedication and official opening of the new church rooms in 1997 by the Bishop of Guildford, Right Rev John Gladwin. We express our grateful thanks to those who made it happen and look forward to new Parish projects and endeavours!

Platinum Jubilee - We are making plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the long Jubilee weekend (Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 June). This will include a Festal Evensong at 7pm on the Sunday, including the premiere of a new choir anthem we have commissioned for the occasion. Please save the date and look out for more information on our Jubilee celebrations.

Parish of Esher events



Charity Gala Concert for Ukraine

Christ Church, Esher
Saturday 21 May 2022
5pm

The Ukrainian Cultural Association in the UK presents a concert of music and poetry in aid of Ukrainian humanitarian relief.

Alexander Ilvakhin *baritone* + **Rozanna Madylus** *mezzo soprano*
Marcella Riordan *actress* + **Alla Sirenko** *pianist, composer, event producer*

Popular Ukrainian songs and original compositions by Alla Sirenko will be performed, along with well known operatic arias and Ukrainian and English poetry. The buffet supper, kindly sponsored by Mama Olga's Kitchen enterprise, will include some traditional Ukrainian and Italian dishes. Additional donations welcome towards Ukrainian humanitarian relief via www.ucauk.com.

Individual ticket £25 Family ticket £45 *two adults, up to three children*

Book tickets via www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher
Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS
office@esherparish.org.uk + www.esherparish.org.uk



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Stewart Henderson, Gilly Barrett, Albie Mewse, Michael Newbould, Allen Palmer, Catherine Whishaw, Malcolm Sayer, Stuart Whatton

RIP Anniversaries: Mary Bedford, Edna Chambers, Ian Dewar, Alastair Ward

RIP: Peter David Whicheloe, James Willig, Michelle Hammond, Pamela Paine, Audrey Simons

Reception into the Communion of the Church of England: Marina Bazhenova

Baptism: Charlotte Rose Ripley

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

	May	Time	Reading
Monday	2		Proverbs 4.10-18; Ps 139; James 1.1-12
Tuesday	3		Exodus 20.1-21; Ps 98; Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	4		Exodus 24; Ps 105; Luke 1.39-56
Thursday	5		Exodus 25.1-22; Ps 37; Luke 1.57-end
Friday	6		Exodus 28.1-4a, 29-38; Ps 107; Luke 2.1-20

LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
Sunday	1	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Thanksgiving Service & Supper, Christ Church
Monday	2	All day	Early May Bank Holiday
		7.15pm	No choir practice
Wednesday	4	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		11.00am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.00pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	5	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	8	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	9	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	10	4.30pm	Book Group, Christ Church

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