

PARISH OF ESHER

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

SHARING THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE IN ESHER

Reconciling - Sustaining - Guiding - Healing

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

2 SEPTEMBER 2018

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time please introduce yourselves to a member of the clergy or one of our churchwardens or sidespeople. This sheet gives some words that will be needed in the services and notices about the life of the church communities. Please do take it home.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by William Allberry
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David and Rebecca Warner
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by Fiona Owen and Dave Whymark
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Sue Dunne, Caroline McDade, Hugh Miller
Reading	Rebecca Warner
Prayers	Fiona Owen

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	650, 621, 494
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	775, 510, 494
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones

READING James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act –

they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

PSALM 15

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

GOSPEL Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition

of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

PARISH NOTICES

Visiting Preacher - The first of our autumn visiting preachers will be coming next Sunday, 9 September, and will be preaching in both our churches. He is the Revd Canon Barry Nichols. He was ordained as one of the first non-stipendiary ministers in 1969. An accountant, Barry was the managing partner of EY (Ernst & Young), the huge accountancy firm. He did great work with the Anglican Centre in Rome, the main conduit between the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Holy Father. For the past twenty years he has worked in parishes in Tooting helping them during several vacancies.

Interregnum - Once Stefan is installed in Christleton on Saturday 13 September, we, the Parish of Esher, will officially go into a temporary period of being without a Rector, known as an Interregnum ('between reigns') or a Vacancy. The legal responsibility for the parish will rest with the churchwardens, Sandra Argent and Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, in conjunction with the remaining ministers and supported by the PCC. We will follow a process laid down by the Church of England to find and choose a new Rector. We will fully engage the parish in this process, will keep you informed of progress and will seek your views, feedback and opinions as and when appropriate.

Noah's Ark and Voyagers & Pioneers - On Sunday 9 September Noah's Ark sails again during our Parish Communion Service at 10.30am at Christ Church. Youth Group also resumes again, with Pioneers, 5.30-7pm, Sunday 9 September, at Esher Church School.

Morning Prayer - Fiona Owen is to lead midweek morning prayer on a part time basis. Please check pewsheets and website for exact days. Fiona will also run morning prayer on some Sundays at 8am to give everyone a chance to come together more than once a month at 8am on Sundays, initially on 9 & 23 September and 14 October. Thank you.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome Aeris Brass, a quartet of talented trombonists, to Christ Church on Wednesday 19 September. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection

Gardeners under Glass - On Tuesday 4 September, 11am-1pm, Community Support Services at Elmbridge Borough Council are launching a new 'Gardeners under Glass' project at Molesey Community Centre, Bishop Fox Way, West Molesey, KT8 2AS. 'Gardeners under Glass' is open to everyone, providing the perfect opportunity to volunteer outdoors, grow local produce, develop gardening skills and meet new people.

Buttons & Bows Charity Coffee Morning - A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 15 September, 10am-1pm, in the West End Village Hall, West End, Esher. The charity coffee morning is raising funds for Canine Partners, a charity that provides life changing dogs to assist their partners with practical help for everyday tasks. Not only will there be coffee and cake, but also a grand raffle, a home-baked cake stall, 'name the doll', 'guess the weight of the cake' and lots of other stalls selling various wares.

Community Safety Day - Elmbridge Community Support Services have organised a Community Safety Day on Tuesday 18 September, 10am-12noon, Walton Centre for the Community, Manor Road, KT12 2PB. Advice on staying safe in the community and online.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton

RIP Anniversaries: David Melliar-Smith, Eleanor Poet

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary - readings for Morning Prayer (MP) are said at the times below. All are welcome to attend daily prayer at Christ Church.

September		Time	Reading
Monday	3		1 Kings 1.5-31; Ps 1; Acts 13.13-43
Tuesday	4	9.00-9.30am	1 Kings 1.32-2.4, 2.10-12; Ps 5; Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday	5		1 Kings 3; Ps 119.1-32; Acts 14.8-end
Thursday	6	9.00-9.30am	1 Kings 4.29-5.12; Ps 15; Acts 15.1-21
Friday	7	9.00-9.30am	1 Kings 6.1, 11-28; Ps 19; Acts 15.22-35

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Tuesday	4	All day	Parish Office open
		All day	Start of term at State Schools
		9.45am	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service, Christ Church
Wednesday	5	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services, Christ Church
Sunday	9	10.30am	Noah's Ark sails
		5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	10	7.15pm	Choir practices resume
Tuesday	11	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	12	2.00pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	13	10.00am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
Sunday	16	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	18	8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	19	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Aeris Brass

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise