

# 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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4 JULY 2021

## CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	All Age Service at 10.30am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman
Reading	Ben Holmes
Prayers	Esher Church School pupils
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, Tom Doolan

## MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Chorale-Improvisation 'O Gott, du frommer Gott' (Karg-Elert)</i>
Hymns	545, 499, 477
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>Thuma mina (South African trad.)</i>
Closing Music	<i>'Little' Prelude &amp; Fugue in C, BWV 553 (Bach)</i>

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so  
peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you  
in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In today's Gospel Reading (Mark 6.1-13) Jesus gives his disciples some urgent marching orders. They're not even allowed to take a bag, or bread, or money with them as they go out to heal and teach! As Bishop Tom Wright notes, the Church has usually interpreted these instructions as being specific to Jesus' own day and the setting of his mission in first-century Palestine. However, as Wright also notes, this does not mean that we simply set these verses aside:

'Part of Christian discipleship is the spiritual sensitivity and discernment to know when there is an emergency on, and what steps to take. There have been many times in recent years, in many places around the globe, when the church's task has been, like the Twelve, to go urgently around, with minimum hindrances or distractions, warning people that the world is heading rapidly in the wrong direction and doing things which show clearly that evil has been defeated through Jesus and can be defeated again today ... Learning to hear a passage like this and to respond obediently involves learning to listen to the prophetic call of God, and to the pain of the present world, and to live at the point of intersection between the two. And when the call comes, there's no time to lose.' (Mark for Everyone)

God bless,



## READING 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## PSALM 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

## GOSEL Mark 6.1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## **HYMNS**

### **Morning has broken**

1 Morning has broken, like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from  
the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

### **Lord, you give the great commission**

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the Church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
'This my body, this my blood.'  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

### **Go forth and tell!**

1 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take:  
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,  
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?

3 Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall  
choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

4 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord  
supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

## PARISH COVID INFORMATION

### Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

We are very happy to have Christ Church and Saint George's West End open again for in-person public worship. Christ Church will also open for private prayer most Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm.

**'Time to Pray' App** – This app presents everything you need, with variations for the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. To download the app go to <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

### Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line 24 hours a day. A Church of England initiative (in partnership with Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life).

**Help & the Parish Office** - The office will continue to work remotely. If you need support, do please let us know via the office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig ([rector@esherparish.org.uk](mailto:rector@esherparish.org.uk) or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Jane Tyrrell on 07971 698299. Many thanks.

**Call to the Nation** - The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, invite us to pray each day at 6pm to remember those who have died from COVID-19. For more details go to: [tps://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation)

## CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- Individuals, households and support bubbles are asked not to 'mingle with others' before, during, or after the service.
- Sadly, congregational singing is still not permitted - Choir members will raise their beautiful voices on our behalf.
- 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.
- Face coverings/masks are required by law. 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.
- 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' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside after the service.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you!

## PARISH NOTICES

**New Headteacher for Esher Church School** - We are delighted to welcome the news that a new Headteacher has been appointed to our wonderful Esher Church School. Following a thorough recruitment process, Mr Ben Foley will join the learning community for the start of the autumn term. He comes to Esher with a wealth of experience in senior leadership and headteacher positions in primary schools, in both the academy and maintained sector. Most recently he has been working with the Schools Alliance for Excellence, delivering Surrey's School Improvement Service. We hold everyone at ECS in our prayers.

*Gracious God,*

*we thank you for everyone at*

*Esher Church School:*

*those who learn and those who teach,  
and those who make that teaching and  
learning possible.*

*We ask your blessing on Ben,  
the incoming headteacher  
as he prepares to take up his leadership  
responsibilities.*

*Give him wisdom and discernment  
for the tasks ahead*

*and help us all to play our part in  
building a school community  
founded on faith, hope and love.*

*Amen.*

**Noah's Ark** - Sunday school is back at Christ Church for children in school years 1 to 6. We would love your child to join us for some fun activities and a Bible story. Appropriate Covid measures will be taken to ensure the safety of children and volunteers. Thank you.

**Fellowship Group** - Our next meeting will be at 10am on Wednesday 28 July. Location to be confirmed. All are welcome. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

**My arm** - Thank you so much to everyone for their prayers and good wishes after I tripped (over my own feet!) and broke my arm last Saturday evening. Thanks too for all the offers of help – they're very much appreciated. Darren.

**Music on the Green** - Our next concert will be on Wednesday 21 July at 1.15pm, and will feature the delightful combination of flute and harp, with a programme including works by Strauss, Saint-Saëns and Chaminade. We look forward to welcoming Mark Taylor on flute and Gabriella Jones on harp. It will be our last summer concert so do save the date! All recent concerts can be viewed on our 'Music on the Green Esher' YouTube channel.

**Book Group** - This month's literary excursion will be 'The Coldest Case', the latest Martin Walker detective novel set in the Dordogne. It will be discussed on Tuesday 6 July at 4.30pm via Zoom. To know more, please contact Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or jandrewesh@gmail.com.

**Parish Giving** - Thank you so much for your ongoing support. If you're able to, you can donate today or via JustGiving at <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish> or on our Give A Little fundraising page at <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. To donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office for details and Gift Aid forms.

**'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer** - All are welcome to join this informal Zoom gathering at 9am on Tuesday mornings.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues on Wednesdays at 9am.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Jaeseok Yang, Headley Williams, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Shireen Sahni, Stewart Henderson, Chris Rowse, Tom Radford, Hugh Miller

RIP Anniversaries: Eleanor Mitchell, Helen Melliar-Smith, Eileen Gibbs, Stuart Jones

RIP: Ann Elizabeth Grant

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

July		Time	Reading
Monday	5		Ezekiel 1.1-14; Ps 98; 2 Corinthians 1.1-14
Tuesday	6	9.00-10.00am	Ezekiel 1.15-2.2; Ps 106; 2 Corinthians 1.15-2.4
Wednesday	7	9.00-10.00am	Ezekiel 2.3-3.11; Ps 110; 2 Corinthians 2.5-end
Thursday	8		Ezekiel 3.12-end; Ps 115; 2 Corinthians 3
Friday	9		Ezekiel 8; Ps 139; 2 Corinthians 4

## LOOKING AHEAD

July		Time	Event
Sunday	4	10.30am	All Age Service, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
		6.30pm	Youth Group Meeting, Zoom
Monday	5	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	6	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
		4.30pm	Book Group, Zoom
Wednesday	7	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	8	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	11	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
		6.30pm	Youth Group Meeting, Zoom
Monday	12	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	6	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom

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