

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6 MAY 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Chalice	Bridget Williams
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by Nate and Rebecca Warner
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Jan Sayer
Prayers	Juliet Philip

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	221, 546, 484
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	835, 546, 484
Organists	Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call
to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

READING Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALM 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.
- 2 The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

May we encourage you to pray, please.

- thanksgiving for our children who undertook youth alpha and are engaging with our youth group
- for the development of vocations in our parish; thanksgiving for Fiona as she begins her Reader training; for those attending the Servant Course in June
- for people with a passion and vision for engaging with our community during the week
- for the leadership of the church; wisdom, discernment, courage and passion to lead the community in joining in with God's mission in Esher; for Becky, John and William who are joining the PCC
- for the spiritual and numerical growth of our two church communities
- for the governors of our two church schools; for the headteachers Cathy and Mike; for Dave our chaplain
- for the development of small, relevant groups in our parish and an associated culture that will help make disciples of Jesus Christ; for those who will attend the Bible Course this Summer
- for the development of a communities prayer life

PARISH NOTICES

The Bible Course - New to the bible or want to go deeper? The eight session Bible Course is for you. It will begin on Tuesday 5 June, 7.30-9pm at Christ Church, and will continue every Tuesday until Tuesday 24 July. The course will show how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. Register at <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/bible-course>.

Apologetics Sermon Series - Throughout June and July we will be undertaking a nine week sermon series on Apologetics. Exploring questions such as - Is there a God? Why does God allow pain and suffering? Who is Jesus? Is Christianity the only faith? Is there a conflict between science and religion? Please pick up a flyer and see the website for more details.

Royal Wedding - You are invited to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry to Ms. Meghan Markle at Christ Church on the 'Big Screen' on Saturday 19 May from 11am. Come and join us for a truly British family celebration. Suggested donation of £2.50 on the door, children free. Please RSVP and sign up, email rebecca.warner@gmail.com or contact the office.

Esher May Fair - Sunday 20 May is the day of the Esher May Fair and we will be opening up Christ Church as usual to sell tea, coffee and cakes and hope to host other activities!! We are looking for willing volunteers to help on the day but also need people to bake cakes. If anybody can help please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Many of you have received an email or letter about GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May. Please do action as soon as possible. If you haven't and would like the parish to be able to communicate with you, receive the parish e-newsletter, please do visit <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr> and complete the secure registration form, for without your specific consent we are not able to communicate with you after 25 May. Thank you.

2018 Lent Appeal - Our Lent Appeal was held in favour of Elmbridge Rentstart, a charity focusing on helping local people who are homeless or sofa-surfing. Thanks to the generosity of people in the parish, we are delighted to report that £1,330.88 was raised (including Gift Aid contributions). We are grateful to all who have supported this appeal.

Theft from cars - The police have warned that offenders on mopeds are stealing from vehicles. There has been a recent theft from a vehicle in an Esher car park. One scooter, two men with faces covered. The advice is to remove valuables/bags from cars and lock up. Please take care. Report via 101 or 999 in an emergency/if a crime is in progress.

Thy Kingdom Come Festival of Prayer – On Sunday 20 May, 4pm-8pm. Guildford Cathedral will be transformed into a beacon of prayer and worship including Taize Worship at 4pm, Prayer Stations/Messy Church at 5pm and Contemporary Worship at 5pm. Please register on the events page on www.cofeguildford.org.uk.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - Do join us on Wednesday 16 May at 12.30pm when we will be welcoming Tormead School. Any help with catering very welcome.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: Ronald Durrant, Sue Adler, Gertrud Frenzel, Edward Holiday

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 join Nate and Stefan in daily prayer at Christ Church.

May		Time	Reading
Monday	7		Numbers 16.1-35; Ps 65; Luke 6.27-38
Tuesday	8	9.00-9.30am	Numbers 16.36-end; Ps 126; Luke 6.39-end
Wednesday	9	9.00-9.30am	Numbers 17.1-11; Ps 119.105-128; Luke 7.1-10
Thursday	10	9.00-9.30am	Isaiah 52.7-end; Ps 110; Hebrews 7.11-end
Friday	11	9.00-9.30am	Numbers 20.1-13; Ps 81; Luke 7.11-17

LOOKING AHEAD

May		Time	Event
Monday	7	All day	Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday	8	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		10.30am	Communion Service, Arbrook House Care Home
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	9	2.30pm	Communion Service, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	10	All day	Parish Office closed (10-11 May inclusive)
		10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	12	Midday	Wedding: Victoria Grant & James MacDonald
Sunday	13	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	14	1.30pm	Wedding: Elizabeth Williams & James Sole
Tuesday	15	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	16	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Tormead School Showcase
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Saturday	19	11.00am	The Royal Wedding on the Big Screen, Christ Church
Sunday	20	12.30pm	Christ Church at the Esher May Fair
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise