

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6 SEPTEMBER 2020

CHURCH SERVICE	
Service	All Age Parish Communion led by Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Alison Bownes, Helen Coulson
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Jamie Warner & the Whymark family
Musicians	Diana Johns, Stuart Whatton & the Doolan Family

MUSIC	
Opening Piano Music	<i>Butterfly & Little Bird, from Lyric Pieces (Grieg)</i>
Communion Music	<i>The Little Shepherd; The Girl with the Flaxen Hair (Debussy)</i>
Closing Piano Music	<i>Soldier's March & selected pieces from Album for the Young (Schumann)</i>

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

This year, more than ever, we are acutely conscious of the wonderful work done in our school communities. We also know that the start of this particular school term will bring its own unique pressures. These are days which are filled with excitement and anticipation as well as uncertainty and caution. And so we want to assure our young people - and all those who work in education - that they return to their places of learning with our prayers and with God's blessing. Indeed we pray that everyone who is making a fresh start this September will have a sense of God's sustaining presence with them as they step into the future in faith.

Please take one of the special bag-tags home with you and always remember 'God's got your back!'

God bless,



READING Romans 13.8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

PSALM 119.33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

36 Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

39 Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

40 See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus said 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

In line with the latest COVID-19 guidance from the Government and the Diocese, Sunday morning public worship has resumed with a Parish Communion at Christ Church on Sundays, at 10.30am. We are also pleased to announce we have devised a way in which services at St George's can start again in September. Regular worshippers have been advised how this will work. If you have not been contacted but would like to know more please contact the Parish Office.

Please note that now services are about to resume at St George's it will remain closed during the week. Christ Church will continue to open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 9am-6pm. In both church buildings there are safety guidelines to be followed and social distancing to be maintained. Please read the instructions upon entering. Thank you.

Help & the Parish Office - The office is working remotely and is closed. If you need support, do let us know via the Parish Office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries please contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152. For music or 'MOTG' enquiries, contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, on 07816 011621 or fullorgan@cantab.net. Many thanks.

Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

This is a new free initiative launched by the Church of England and Lambeth Palace with help from Holy Trinity Claygate. Following a greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, a list of options includes a short talk exploring a traditional hymn, hymns on a loop, the Church of England's weekly service and morning/evening prayers.

SERVICE NOTES

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

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you. We'll follow the same Order almost every week, so do re-use it.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- Our service will be live-streamed on our Parish Facebook page. The camera is angled so that only the priest and those speaking from the lectern can be seen.
- Face coverings/masks are now required by law in places of worship. 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.
- If you prefer to make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer in the Order of Service, on page 10.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside. But, chatting outside in small groups is encouraged!
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Services - We will be holding two services - one at Christ Church on Sunday 4 October at 10.30am with the second one at St George's on Sunday 11 October at 9am.

Pet Service - We very much hope to hold the Pet Service at St George's this year on the afternoon of Sunday 20 September - please watch this space for details.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our delayed APCM will take place on Sunday 18 October after the Christ Church service.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - At 9am, every Wednesday, our Rector, Darren, leads a Morning Prayer service on Zoom. Install Zoom (zoom.us) on your computer or device. Zoom prayers will be followed by coffee time (Zoffee!) finishing at 10am. All are welcome to join. Contact the Parish Office for the Zoom sign-in details.

Zoom Bible Reflection & Prayer - At 9am on Tuesday mornings, one of our Occasional Preachers leads a time of Bible reflection and prayer. It includes a discussion of the day's lectionary reading, followed by shared prayer. All are welcome to join this informal weekly Zoom gathering which finishes about 10am. For the Zoom sign-in details contact the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk).

Electoral Roll - In April 2019 we completely reviewed our Electoral Roll. You may find you're not on the roll now. If you would like to add your name to the roll, please contact the Parish Office for a form. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes - Do ask if you would like an envelope. To be eligible for Gift Aid, the donor, who's claiming the Gift Aid against tax they have paid, should clearly write their name, address and the date. An envelope with more than one name or no address or date will not be eligible for Gift Aid.

Music on the Green - We are delighted to announce the resumption of our lunchtime concerts on Wednesday 16 September with a piano recital by the young Lithuanian pianist Rokas Valuntonis, with a programme including Chopin, Schumann, Mozart and CPE Bach. This will take place at Christ Church at 1.10 pm - all are welcome (normal COVID restrictions apply) - and our intention is to livestream it online for those unable to attend in person. Fuller details to follow.

Book Group - We're looking to start a new Parish Book Group, with 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce being the first volume. The group will meet on Zoom (at least initially), with dates and times agreed by those interested. To get us going, we have free copies of the Rachel Joyce book; so if it sounds like your thing, do get in touch with Revd Jonathan Andrew (01372 479776/jandrewsher@hotmail.com).

'Especially, now' - Stewart Henderson's new book of poetry has just been published by Plover Books and been hailed by playwright Willy Russell as 'a dazzlingly defiant collection - both gloriously now and timeless'. The book can be ordered from Stewart and Carol's website - www.stewart-henderson.com - for £6.99, plus £2.50 P&P. Or you could ask the poet directly, as he has copies in his car!

Donations - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the Parish of Esher. Like many parishes our income has fallen in recent months. If you're in a position to do so, please consider supporting our mission and ministry. To donate please go to our JustGiving page at - <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish>. There will be a retiring collection after the service today. You can make payments to the parish bank account too - contact the Parish Office for details and for GA forms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Helena Miller

RIP Anniversaries: Michael Whitney, Alan Parry, Brian Flynn

RIP: Justin Gray, David Macdonald

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below.

September		Time	Reading
Monday	7		2 Samuel 18.1-18; Ps 126; Acts 10.34-end
Tuesday	8	9.00-10.00am	2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a; Ps 132; Acts 11.1-18
Wednesday	9	8.50-9.30am	2 Samuel 19.8b-23; Ps 119.153-end; Acts 11.19-end
Thursday	10		2 Samuel 19.24-end; Ps 143; Acts 12.1-17
Friday	11		2 Samuel 23.1-7; Ps 144; Acts 12.18-end

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Monday	7	7.15-8.45pm	Choir rehearsals resume at Christ Church
Tuesday	8	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	9	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffeel!, Zoom
Sunday	13	10.30am	Parish Communion
Monday	14	7.15-8.45pm	Choir rehearsal, Christ Church
Tuesday	15	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	16	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffeel!, Zoom
		1.10pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert, Rokas Valuntonis (piano)
Sunday	17	10.30am	Parish Communion

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