

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7 AUGUST 2022

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Volunteers required
Reading, Prayers	Stuart Whatton, Revd Darren McCallig
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Volunteer required
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Andante religioso, from Sonata no. 4</i> (Mendelssohn)
SG & CC hymns	708, 748, 739
SG & CC setting	Addington & Coulson
Post Sermon music	<i>Arioso, from Cantata BWV 156</i> (J S Bach)
Communion music	<i>Berceuse, from 24 Pièces en style libre</i> (Vierne)
Closing music	<i>Allegro di molto, from Sonata in D</i> (C P E Bach)

THE COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

Today's Gospel (Luke 12.32-40) contains the highly unusual and countercultural image of the master who, on finding his servants waiting vigilantly with their lamps lit, puts on an apron and serves them their meal! In other words, Jesus depicts God as donning his apron and serving a midnight feast to those found alert and expectant! As theologian Patricia Lull points out, this extraordinary role reversal poses some fascinating questions for a Christian congregation:

'Where might the congregation look to see the kind of God who dons an apron and serves those who wait for the things of God? Would that happen in the break room at the nearby office complex, in the cafeteria of the local hospital, in someone's kitchen at home? Where does the simplicity of God's tender assurance intersect with the frenzy and fretting of an anxious world ...

[Moreover] the certainty of God's return as a gracious event, rather than a cause for panic, may invite the congregation to hear in this Gospel text an invitation to a more playful, expectant reading of ordinary time. Which knock at the door brings the bearer of God's good pleasure? What act of generosity or almsgiving frees one to peek through the door of heaven? What small steps indicate a confidence in God's good future for this particular congregation?' (Feasting on the Word)

God bless,



READING Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

READING Genesis 15.1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33.12-end

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth –
- 15 he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.
- 16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.
- 18 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- 19 to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
- 21 Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
- 22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

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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,
may I know you more clearly,
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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.

- It is no longer compulsory to wear a face covering at St George's, though please continue to wear one if you wish.
- 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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- 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.
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PARISH NOTICES

Choral Scholarship Scheme - The Parish is launching a new choral scholarship scheme to run alongside its two existing organ scholarships. We wish to appoint Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass choral scholars (ideally one per voice) to sing as part of its main parish choir of adult volunteers as well as, on occasion, independently. The scheme is particularly intended for young musicians of sixth form or university age, but we will consider applications from people at any stage in their musical careers. For full details please see Parish website under latest news, email the Parish Office or speak with our Stuart Whatton, our Director of Music.

Advance notice - Stewart and Carol Henderson will be reading some of Stewart's latest poetry at the cornerHOUSE, Surbiton, KT6 7SB on Saturday 22 October, 2022 at 7.30pm. They will be appearing 'in concert' with legendary, slide guitarist and songwriter, Bryn Haworth. Tickets £12 each are available from www.thecornerhouse.org.

Christ Church Foodbank - The emergency foodbank supports those in our Parish. We can supply emergency food for a week to all those in need. Referrals will be provided for further supplies. The foodbank is open 11-12pm every Wednesday. Refreshments provided. Please spread the word about the Foodbank and leave food in the Christ Church box so we can help those in need.

Priority Services Registers - Local authorities work with utility companies so vulnerable people get help if there is a power or water cut. Anyone needing assistance can sign up by contacting their utility providers. It is free and will help with staying safe, warm and independent at home. For information see <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety>.

West End Village Show - We are delighted that the Flower Show & Fête is back at West End on the Green after a two-year break and will be held on Saturday 27 August (1.30-4.15pm) on the August Bank Holiday weekend! Do please put the date in your diaries. For more information go to the website: www.westendflowershow.co.uk. As ever, we are seeking help in selling cakes in St George's and providing afternoon Village Teas in the Village Hall, all to raise much needed funds for both our churches. If you can make some cakes for St George's and/or the Village Teas and perhaps spare some time to help on the day please sign up on the forms in either church. You can also sign-up to help via the Doodle Poll link <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/aKOWjk8a>. All help is appreciated. Thank you.

Parish Office holiday - Melanie will take a week's break from Monday 8 to Friday 12 August inclusive. Please refer to the Parish website for alternative contacts.

Children & Families Worker - The closing date for applications for this role has now passed. An update will follow soon.

Mayor's Charity Collection - During the Mayor's service at Christ Church on Sunday 10 July the collection taken in aid of the Mayor of Elmbridge's charity, 'The Brain Tumour Charity' raised a total, with Gift Aid, of £434. A big thank you to everyone.

Parish Giving - Donations can be made via the digital collection plate, cash or online by searching '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 do contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

PARISH NOTICES

Ukraine Donation Update - We are still collecting supplies for those affected by the war in Ukraine. To donate items from the updated list below, please leave at the back of Christ Church. They'll be delivered to the Ukrainian restaurant, the Prosperity Café. The Twickenham restaurant is now open but it is still working as a central hub for humanitarian aid in the UK. You can also donate items to them via their Amazon list: (https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3H5Y4W3CL1JPW?ref_=wl_share).

Tinned/tetra pack food - vegetables, soups, meat, fish sauces, fruit, milk

Dried food - pasta, rice, grain, flour, baby and infant food, formula milk, ready to eat

Medicine - over counter pain medication, antihistamine, cold remedies, sleep assist, children's medication, prescription medicine (everything is checked), dressings, bandages, first aid kits, condoms, anti bacterial wipes

Personal hygiene - baby nappies and wipes, adult incontinence pads, all period products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, moisturising products, deodorant

Bedding - sleeping bags, duvets, pillows, blankets, camping mats - new preferred, but accept laundered, unstained good used.

Ukraine Monetary donations - These fund the transport of aid from UK to Ukraine with each trip costing over £2k. To donate go to <https://www.london donations for ukraine.org/donations>

Hosting Ukrainian families - The Diocese of Guildford is working with the charity Citizens UK (www.citizensuk.org) to help offer refuge accommodation. For hosting help go to <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/i-am-resources/interested-in-supporting-ukraine>, where you can find more information and register your interest to host, in partnership with Citizens UK.

Esher Church School vacancies - Our wonderful Parish primary school has a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant in the School Office. It's for 3 or 4 days a week and in term time only. Contact the school for further information. The Board of Governors also has a vacancy for a Governor (volunteer). Please do speak with the Rector if you're interested in the governance role.

Weekly Parish Communication - An email is sent to church members every Friday with the Sunday pewsheet. To receive this please contact the Parish Office.

YouTube - You can watch (live or on 'catch-up') all the services at Christ Church on YouTube at www.youtube.com/eshparish and do subscribe so that you're always notified of new content. Many thanks to all who make these broadcasts possible.

Parish Book Group - We will meet next on Tuesday 13 September at 4.30pm in Christ Church to discuss *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy. For information contact Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380/jandrewesh@gmail.com.

WhatsApp Scam - It is rare for us to mention scams but this one is worth drawing to your attention. Firstly to explain WhatsApp is a messaging application or app used only on mobiles. Criminals usually begin a message with 'Hello Mum, Dad etc' saying that they are texting from a new mobile number as the old phone is lost or damaged. They will ask for money to purchase a new phone, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill. They provide bank details for the payment to be made to. If you get an unusual request from a family member or friend on WhatsApp do always stop, think and call to speak to the person using the existing number you have for them to check the situation.



Parish of Esher events

Saturday 27 August 2022

Afternoon Teas

Village Hall
West End

Clotted cream teas, scones, cakes, tea
and coffee at the West End Village Show.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons, Alwyn Hunter

RIP: Jemima Warrington, Judith Freer, Brenda Mary Wilde, Susan Edwina Merrick

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	8		1 Samuel 14.24-46; Ps 30; Luke 23.13-25
Tuesday	9		1 Samuel 15.1-23; Ps 36; Luke 23.26-43
Wednesday	10		1 Samuel 16; Ps 34; Luke 23.44-56a
Thursday	11		1 Samuel 17.1-30; Ps 37; Luke 23.56b-24.12
Friday	12		1 Samuel 17.31-54; Ps 31; Luke 24.13-35

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	8	All day	Parish Office closed (Mon 8 - Fri 12 Aug incl.)
Wednesday	10	11am-12pm	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	11	11am	Funeral of Susan Edwina Merrick, Randalls Park Crematorium
Friday	12	3pm	Wedding rehearsal, Christ Church
Saturday	13	12.45pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
		2pm	Wedding of Matthew Woolgar & Dorothy Ferary Panjaitan, Christ Church
Sunday	14	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
Wednesday	17	11am-12pm	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	18	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

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