

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10 OCTOBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Harvest Thanksgiving at 9.00am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	
Reading	Stuart Whatton
Prayers	Diana Johns
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade

MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio from BWV 564</i> (Bach)
St George's hymns	282, 532 (v 1,2,3,7), 290
Christ Church hymns	595, 496, 787
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>Beauty for brokenness</i> (Kendrick)
Closing music	<i>Praeludium in D minor</i> (Seger)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood
of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Jesus's statement in today's Gospel that 'it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God' has provoked centuries of debate. It has led many to ask, 'do riches endanger our souls?' Priest and ethicist Samuel Wells takes the view that it is certainly very challenging to be wealthy and faithful. 'Wealth,' he says, 'inclines us to forget about God and forget about other people.'

'When we have a lot of money it is easy to make the assumption that money can solve pretty much all our irritations and frustrations ... It begins to seem like there's nothing money can't buy. Except of course the things that really matter ... Money can't buy eternal life. Money can't buy the forgiveness of sins. Money can't buy the faith that moves mountains. Money can't buy the hope that walks in rhythm with God's step. Money can't buy the love that will not let us go. These are things that everyone can have but no one can buy. The poor are blessed because, on the whole, they know this. The rich can sometimes become a little forgetful.'

(Be Not Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith)

God bless,



READING Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25-33

Jesus said 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

READING Hebrew 4.12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

PSALM 90.12-end

12 So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

GOSPEL Mark 10.17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions -and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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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 with you.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. 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.
- 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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A few things to remember:

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Apart from the designated socially-distanced zone, please feel free to sit in any pew. Please also feel free to sit with friends if you wish.
- We will continue to keep a list of those in attendance. Please be assured that this information is held securely.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. 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.
- 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.
- Refreshments will be served afterwards. This will be outside, weather permitting.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Thanksgiving - Our second Harvest service is taking place at St George's at 9am today. The East Elmbridge Foodbank particularly needs more fruit juice (long life), squash, tinned hot dogs/vegetables/potatoes, biscuits, crisps, chocolate, spreads/preserves (not strawberry jam), instant soup/noodle packets, pulses (kidney beans/chickpeas etc) sweets and sugar/tea bags (small packs). To give financially go to the Foodbank's website <https://eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk/2021/09/22/harvest-with-east-elmbridge-food-bank/>. Donations will be collected from Christ Church after Sunday 10 October. Thank you.

'Blessing our Pets' Service - We are very pleased to announce we will be holding a Pet Service this year at Christ Church on Sunday 17 October at 4pm. Let's thank God for our pets and all creatures great and small and fill the church with fun!

All Souls - Sunday 31 October is the eve of All Souls, a day traditionally set apart as a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. And so, at Christ Church, there will be a service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Sunday at 4pm.

Lunchtime Music in Guildford - Our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, will be giving an organ recital at St Mary's Quarry Street in Guildford, on Wednesday 13 October at 1.10 pm, with a programme including works by Bach, Pachelbel, Albinoni and Stanford.

Roger McGough & Stewart Henderson - The two premier, (dare we say venerable?), Liverpool poets read from their respective collections - *Safety In Numbers* and *Especially, now...* at Surbiton's cornerHOUSE Theatre on Friday 26 November at 7.30pm. Buy tickets, £17.50, early to avoid disappointment from: <https://www.thecornerhouse.org/events/roger-mcgough-and-stewart-henderson/>.

Music on the Green - To mark Beethoven's recent 250th anniversary we are staging two concerts today, at 3pm and 7pm, by piano duo, Tessa Uys and Ben Schoeman. Please see posters and website for details. To buy in-person or livestream tickets please go to www.webgig.tv. Our next lunchtime concert on Wednesday 20 October, 1.15pm, features Clare Howick on violin and John Paul Ekins on piano. The programme will include Elgar's Violin Sonata and some musical bons bons.

Friends Update - Our first Coffee Morning is to take place at St George's in West End on Wednesday 13 October at 10.30am. Friends of Christ Church & St George's and all guests are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cake and good company and a natter!

The Nutcracker - The Everyman Cinema in Esher is showing a live screening of the ballet (<https://www.everymancinema.com/Esher/events>) from the Royal Opera House at 7pm on Thursday 9 December. Andrea and Bridget have booked seats (G21 & G22) and would love to have more Parish friends join them, perhaps with early pizza supper beforehand.

Fellowship - We are pleased to announce the Fellowship Group is meeting in Christ Church on Wednesday 13 October at 11am

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

Book Group - The group will next meet on Tuesday 9 November at 8pm in Christ Church when we will have the opportunity to discuss *Fate & Faith* with its author, our own Will Wood. Contact Jonathan Andrew for a free copy at jandrewesher@gmail.com/01372 479776.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Jaeseok Yang, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Hugh Miller, Stewart Henderson, Graham Woolgar, John Treneman, Gilly Barrett

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Langley, Patricia Richards, Gladys Thomas, Barbara Pratt, Dan Walter

RIP: Viola Mason, John Matterson Allen

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October	Time	Reading
Monday 11		1 Maccabees 6.1-17; Ps 98; John 13.1-11
Tuesday 12	9.00-10.00am	1 Maccabees 6.18-47; Ps 106; John 13.12-20
Wednesday 13	9.00-10.00am	1 Maccabees 7.1-20; Ps 112; John 13.21-30
Thursday 14		1 Maccabees 7.21-end; Ps 115; John 13.31-end
Friday 15		1 Maccabees 9.1-22; Ps 139; John 14.1-14

LOOKING AHEAD

October	Time	Event
Sunday 10	9.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving, St George's
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
	3.00pm	Beethoven Concert I, Christ Church
	7.00pm	Beethoven Concert II, Christ Church
Monday 11	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday 12	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday 13	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
	10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
	10.30-11.30am	Friends 'Come for Coffee' morning, St George's
	7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 14	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday 17	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
	12.30pm	Interment of Doreen & Ernest Stanton, Christ Church
	4.00pm	'Blessing our Pets' Service, Christ Church

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