

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

18 OCTOBER 2020

CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sides	Alison Bownes
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading	Stuart Whatton
Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Andante from Sonata no. 6</i> (Mendelssohn)
Choir Anthem	<i>O God, your goodness reaches far</i> (Beethoven)
Closing Music	<i>Fugue in D minor from Sonata no. 6</i> (Mendelssohn)

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,

In today's Gospel, we see a brief exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees who 'plot to entrap him.' (v 15) by trying to catch him out on the question of paying taxes to the Emperor. It is a passage which has been variously interpreted over the years. For example, the early Christian theologian Tertullian (c 155 - c 240) looked to the image on the coin and argued that coins - bearing Caesar's image - belong to Caesar; while human beings - bearing God's image - belong to God. However, others have made the point that Jesus' words must be understood in light of the totality of his teaching. New Testament scholar Susan Eastman puts it like this:

'The question of what is truly 'lawful' (v 19) can be answered only by looking forward to Jesus' teaching on the greatest of the commandments, which grounds his debates with the religious leaders (Matthew 22.34-40): "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." The fulfilment of the law, including the question of whether or not to pay taxes, is that which grows out of complete devotion to God, expressed in love of one's neighbour.' (Feasting on the Word).

God bless,



READING Isaiah 45.1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

PSALM 96.1-9

1 O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.
4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
6 Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9 Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.

GOSPEL Matthew 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 that public worship at St George's has started again with fortnightly 9am services. Regular worshippers have been advised how this works. If you would like to know more please contact the Parish Office. St George's will now 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.

CHRIST CHURCH 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

Tier Two Restrictions - The Church of England has advised that public worship can continue under Tier Two restrictions. This is providing that 'any person attending is: alone; part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households; and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group.' Moreover 'non-household groups of six are not permitted.' We have been advised that today's APCM can proceed, as can Wednesday's MOTG concert.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our delayed APCM will take place today after the Christ Church service. Please stay if you can. Sadly, we cannot offer refreshments.

Annual Report - Our 2019 Annual Report has been emailed out to all those on the Electoral Roll. There is hard copy available to read at both churches. If you would like a copy please contact the Parish Office.

Electoral Roll - The Roll has been revised in preparation for our APCM and is available for inspection on the church noticeboard or can be requested from the Parish Office

Music on the Green - Our next concert will be this Wednesday, 21 October, when we will welcome the Flauguissimo Duo, a husband and wife team on baroque flute and theorbo. Online donations are gratefully received at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG>

Ode to Joy - As our signature event to mark the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, Music on the Green is pleased to present a pair of special concerts on Advent Sunday, 29 November. Two brilliant South African pianists will perform three of Beethoven's symphonies (Syms. 1 & 5 at 3pm & Sym. 9 at 7pm) in the historic Scharwenka transcriptions for piano duo. Mark your diary. Tickets £10. (£18 ticket for both concerts); children free.

All Souls - Sunday 1 November 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 afternoon at 4pm. It'll be a quiet, thoughtful and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. There will also be an opportunity to pray for those who have passed away, naming them as we do so, and lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered, please send the names to Melanie in the Parish Office.

Remembrance Sunday - Elmbridge Borough Council states that this year's outdoor commemorations, such as at the Esher War Memorial, cannot go ahead as in previous years, but must be 'severely restricted' and limited to only 'a few wreath layers' (<https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/remembrance-sunday/>). Accordingly, we have submitted a scaled-back proposal to EBC and await their response. Nonetheless, the service in Christ Church can still go ahead subject to the usual COVID precautions, and restrictions on numbers in attendance.

Harvest Donations - Thank you to everyone who made donations at Christ Church and St George's. These have now been collected by the Foodbank who have expressed their sincere gratitude. You can still give financially by going to the Foodbank's Local Giving Harvest page at <https://localgiving.org/east-elbridge-foodbank-harvest2020>.

Book Group - Our Parish Book Group met for the first time last Tuesday on Zoom. The next book will be 'The Retiring Priest' by Peter Walker. If it sounds your thing, please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or jandrewesher@hotmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Miriam MacGibbon, Bill Bedford, Maynard Pockson, Frederick Harrison, Pat Davies

RIP: Jackie Hinton, Peter Langley, Patricia Newman, Michael Whishaw

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October		Time	Reading
Monday	19		Isaiah 55; Ps 80; Luke 1.1-4
Tuesday	20	9.00-10.00am	2 Kings 18.1-12; Ps 106; Philippians 1.12-end
Wednesday	21	8.50-10.00am	2 Kings 18.13-end; Ps 111; Philippians 2.1-13
Thursday	22		2 Kings 19.1-19; Ps 115; Philippians 2.14-end
Friday	23		2 Kings 19.20-36; Ps 139; Philippians 3.1-4.1

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	18	Midday	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Christ Church
Monday	19	12.30pm	Cremation of Patricia Newman, Randalls Park Crematorium
		7.15-8.30pm	Choir rehearsal, Christ Church
Tuesday	20	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	21	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		1.10pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Flauguissimo Duo
Friday	23	11.00am	Interment of Ian Mennie Walden, Christ Church
Sunday	25	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	26	7.15-8.30pm	Choir rehearsal, Christ Church
Tuesday	27	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	28	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		10.00am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church

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