

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

PENTECOST

20 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 Nate and Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate and Stefan
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Sandra Argent, Margaret Dane, Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Margaret Dane
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	Diana Johns

MUSIC

Anthem	Spirit of God (<i>David Terry</i>)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	238, 258, 630
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	238, 258, 630, 719
Organists	Oliver Macfarlane

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READING Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

PARISH NOTICES

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Many of you have received an email/letter about GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May. Please action this week. If you wish the parish to communicate with you do complete the secure form on our website. Without your consent we cannot communicate with you after 25 May. Thank you.

What Spiritual Gifts have you been given? - These links may help you discern them. Work through the following document carefully and prayerfully - http://www.cpas.org.uk/uploaded_media/web_upload/SHAPE%20Spiritual%20Gifts-1272275788.pdf. Alternatively this page gives links to two online surveys (and books) which may help you discern your spiritual gifts - <https://www.cpas.org.uk/advice-and-support/exploring-call/your-shape/spiritual-gift#.Wv2zLRwh1ph>. If you would like to discuss your results Stefan would be more than happy to share a coffee or drink with you to this end.

Nate is moving on - Subject to the Bishop's approval, Nate is to become the Assistant Vicar of St. Mary's, East Molesey. Nate's last service will be Sunday 24 June at 10.30am at Christ Church. *No other services will run on this Sunday.* The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. All are welcome. To help with the lunch, sign Nate's leaving card and contribute to his leaving gift please speak with one of our churchwardens. Thank you.

Today is the day of the Esher May Fair - Christ Church will be throwing its doors open after the morning services offering tea, coffee and cakes and a host of other activities too!! If you can, please stay, or come back, to join in the fun or if you feel like it help wash the dishes! The more the merrier! Many thanks in advance to all volunteers this year - such teamwork is greatly appreciated! Particular thanks goes Helen Vernon, Rebecca Warner, Sandra Argent and Wendy Tanqueray and our performers - Stuart Whatton, Keith Howell-Jones, Oliver Macfarlane, Diana Johns, Polly Jordan and Esher Church School. We must thank all of you too for baking and making it happen this year!

Royal Wedding - Many thanks to everyone who joined us yesterday to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry to Ms. Meghan Markle - watching the event on the 'Big Screen' in Christ Church! A big thank you to Rebecca Warner for organising the day.

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. Sign up in church or 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. Please pick up a flyer and see the website for more details.

Picnic on the Green - Please come and join in the fun with organised arts/crafts, games, multi-sports and football at Lower Green, Esher, on Wednesday 30 May, Noon - 2pm. Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy an afternoon of family fun. You are invited to join in raising funds for the Lower Green Community Centre through the following link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lowergreenc/>.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: David Lankey, Michael Gilmore, Peter Dickson, Alice Biden, Sheila Haslett

RIP: Elizabeth Hughes

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	21	9.00-9.30am	Joshua 1; Ps 126; Luke 9.18-27
Tuesday	22	9.00-9.30am	Joshua 2; Ps 132; Luke 9.28-36
Wednesday	23	9.00-9.30am	Joshua 3; Ps 119.153-end; Luke 9.37-50
Thursday	24	9.00-9.30am	Joshua 4.1-5.1; Ps 143; Luke 9.51-end
Friday	26	9.00-9.30am	Joshua 5.2-end; Ps 144; Luke 10.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
Tuesday	22	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Thursday	24	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Monday	28	All day	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
June		Time	Event
Tuesday	5	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	The Bible Course, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
Sunday	10	5.30pm	The Pioneers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	12	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		7.30pm	The Bible Course, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	13	2.00pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	14	10.00am	Fellowship Group

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise