

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23 AUGUST 2020

CHURCH SERVICE

Service	Parish Communion led by Rev'd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Volunteer, Volunteer
Reading	Stewart Henderson
Preacher	Dave Whymark
Prayers	Jan Sayer
Musicians	Polly Jordan, Megan Affonso, Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

MUSIC

Communion Music	<i>Offertorium from Mass in C minor</i> (Schumann) <i>Panis Angelicus</i> (Franck)
Closing Organ Voluntary	<i>Prelude & Fugue in C minor, BWV 549</i> (Bach)
Virtual Anthem	<i>O salutaris hostia</i> Eriks Esenvalds (b. 1977) Performed by Trinity College Choir, Cambridge www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hcjReMOTO4

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In today's Gospel reading Jesus asks, 'Who do you say that I am?' In response, Simon (soon to be renamed Peter) exclaims 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' As biblical scholar Tom Wright explains, he is in essence saying, 'You are the true king. You're the one Israel has been waiting for. You are God's adopted son, the one of whom the Psalms and the prophets had spoken.' However, as verse twenty makes clear, this must remain secret for now:

'If it were to leak out it could be deadly indeed. But to those who agree with Peter that Jesus of Nazareth really is God's Messiah, this promise is made: that, through this allegiance, they will become the people through whom the living God will put the world to rights, bringing heaven and earth into their new state of justice and peace.' ('Matthew for Everyone')

God bless,



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents
us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away
our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm
on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

PSALM 138

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 now resumed with a Parish Communion at Christ Church on Sundays, at 10.30am. It is hoped services at St George's West End will also recommence in due course. Please keep an eye on our website for updates. Your churches remain open for private prayer, with Christ Church open on Wednesdays, 9am to 6pm, and St George's on Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm, and Sundays, 2pm to 4pm. There are safety guidelines to be followed and social distancing is 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

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - At 9am, every Wednesday, our Rector, Darren, leads a Morning Prayer service on Zoom. All are welcome to join. Install Zoom (zoom.us) on your computer or device and, if you like, the Daily Prayer app from the Church of England (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps>). Zoom prayers will be followed by coffee time (Zoffee!) finishing at 10am. Contact the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk) 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).

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.

Shop Online & Fundraise - The website [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) turns your everyday online shopping into donations for the Parish, at no cost at all to you. Just visit your favourite retailers through the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccesher/> - and then shop as normal.

'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!

Children's Church-Takeaway Activity Packs - We've put together pizza boxes full of fun and faith for children to take with them wherever they go this summer. There's a blow-up beach ball, party bubbles, crayons and a wrist-band; as well as 'Friends and Heroes' activity sheets, colouring books and lots of other stuff. We've a limited supply, so don't miss out. To have one delivered to your door please email office@esherparish.org.uk.

Parish Fundraising via Amazon - You can also fundraise for the Parish when you shop with Amazon. Support us by always starting your shopping using the link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134847-0>

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Vera Coffee, Doreen Alan, Sami Kathiresan, Irene Coulson, Richard Coulson, Victoria Cobb, Ivy Fairhead, Tim Walter, Felix Palmer, Sidney Fairhead

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	24		Genesis 28.10-17; Ps 86; John 1.43-end
Tuesday	25	9.00-10.00am	2 Samuel 5.1-12; Ps 89.1-18; Acts 7.1-16
Wednesday	26	8.50-9.30am	2 Samuel 6.1-19; Ps 119.105-128; Acts 7.17-43
Thursday	27		2 Samuel 7.1-17; Ps 92; Acts 7.44-53
Friday	28		2 Samuel 7.18-end; Ps 88; Acts 7.54-8.3

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Monday	24	5.45-8.00pm	Choir garden gatherings, Member's home
Tuesday	25	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	26	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
Sunday	30	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	31	All day	Late Summer Bank Holiday No choir meeting
August		Time	Event
Tuesday	1	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	2	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom

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