

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23 SEPTEMBER 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	Sunday Morning Prayer at Christ Church led by Fiona Owen
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by William Allberry and Dave Whymark
Reading & Prayers	Harriet Brooks
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by William Allberry and Dave Whymark
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark, Will Stevens
Reading	Rachel Barnett
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Pam Stark, David Stark
MUSIC	
Anthem	<i>Be thou my vision</i> (Chilcott)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	593 (omit v5,6), 717, 827
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	593, 717, 455, 827
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

READING James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you

ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

PSALM 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them. *Selah*
- 4 But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.
- 6 With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

GOSPEL Mark 9.30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Services - Our main Harvest Service will be on Sunday 7 October at 10.30am at Esher Church School. There will be no service at Christ Church. All welcome. Do stay for a 'bring & share lunch'. We will have a Harvest Service at St George's too. The collection and food donations will go to the Tearfund Hunger Steals campaign and Elmbridge Foodbank.

8am Communion - On Sunday 7 October this service will be led by William Allberry.

Visiting preacher - The Right Revd Martin Wharton CBE, previously Bishop of Kingston and Bishop of Newcastle, will be leading our services on Sunday 14 October.

Interregnum - The Parish of Esher is now officially in a temporary period of being without a Rector, known as an Interregnum ('between reigns') or a Vacancy. The legal responsibility for the parish now rests with the churchwardens, Sandra Argent and Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, in conjunction with the ministers and supported by the PCC. We will follow a process laid down by the Church of England to find and choose a new Rector. We will fully engage the parish in this process, will keep you informed of progress and will seek your views, feedback and opinions as and when appropriate.

Pet Service - Thank you to everyone who came along to the Pet Service last Sunday - it was our 11th year....and as popular as ever. All the pets were dogs this year (and mentions of several cats who stayed at home). Particular thanks to Helen (Kempster) who took the service, Nicholas who played the organ beautifully and to Jean and Dot from our local charity, Hershams Hounds (Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare) who told us about their rescued racing greyhounds. We raised £64 for their charity. Thank you all as always for your support. Thank you too to Bridget Williams and Andrea Lindow for organising!

The London Klezmer Quartet - Music on the Green is pleased to announce an evening concert on Saturday 20 October, 7pm for 7.30pm, featuring the London Klezmer Quartet: a dynamic group of performers whose deep understanding of klezmer - the celebratory and soulful music of Eastern European Jews - is reflected in exuberant, passionate and accomplished performances that captivate audiences of all ages and backgrounds, moving them from toe-tapping to tears and back again in moments. Interval refreshments will be provided. Admission by programme £12, children half price.

Morning Prayer & Sunday Morning Prayer - Fiona Owen is leading midweek morning prayer on a part time basis - check pewsheets and website for exact days. Fiona will also run morning prayer at 8am on Sunday 14 October. Thank you.

Organ Recital at Hampton Court Palace - Stuart, our Director of Music, will be giving an organ recital in the Chapel Royal later today at 1pm as part of their lunchtime series. All support most welcome (sorry, normal Palace admission charges apply!).

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton, Shirley Marshall, Sheila Wilson, Yasmin Ingram, Betty Walker, Margaret Williams

RIP Anniversaries: Dorothy McGuire, Eileen Lock, Janet Thirtle, Peter Meade, Cynthia Collis, Charles Orr, Leslie Norris, Bill Stevens, Betty Taylor

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 attend daily prayer at Christ Church.

September		Time	Reading
Monday	24		1 Kings 21; Ps 71; Acts 21.37-22.21
Tuesday	25		1 Kings 22.1-28; Ps 73; Acts 22.22-23.11
Wednesday	26		1 Kings 22.29-45; Ps 77; Acts 23.12-end
Thursday	27		2 Kings 1.2-17; Ps 78.1-39; Acts 24.1-23
Friday	28		2 Kings 2.1-18; Ps 55; Acts 24.24-25.12

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	23	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Thursday	27	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	30	12.30pm	Baptism, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
October		Time	Event
Sunday	7	8.00am	Holy Communion, Christ Church
		9.00am	Harvest Service, St George's
		10.30am	Harvest Service, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	9	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	10	2.00pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	11	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	14	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Saturday	20	7.00pm	Music on the Green evening concert: The London Klezmer Quartet

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise