

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

24 JULY 2022

## CHURCH SERVICES

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Holy Communion    | Led by Revd Darren McCallig<br>at 9am at St George's (SG)       |
| Preacher          | Revd Darren McCallig  |
| Reading & Prayers | Bridget Williams  |
| Musician          | Keith Howell-Jones  |
| Parish Communion  | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew<br>at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC) |
| Preacher          | Revd Darren McCallig  |
| Churchwarden      | Will Stevens  |
| Sidespeople       | Karen Harris, Victoria Macdonald                                |
| Reading, Prayers  | Will Stevens, David Stark                                       |
| Refreshments      | Helen Griffin, Jennifer Meade                                   |
| Musicians         | Oliver Macfarlane, Diana Johns                                  |

## SERVICE MUSIC

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| Opening music      | <i>Prelude and Fugue in<br/>G Minor BWV 558 (JS Bach)</i>    |
| SG & CC hymns      | 754, 595, 641  |
| Setting            | Coulson  |
| CC Communion music | <i>Prelude from Prelude Fugue<br/>and Variation (Franck)</i> |
| Anthem             | <i>The Lord's Prayer (David Fuge)</i>                        |
| Closing music      | <i>Allegro maestoso e Vivace<br/>(Mendelssohn)</i>           |

## THE COLLECT

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Message from our Rector, Darren

The Lord's Prayer – as taught by Jesus to his disciples in this morning's Gospel reading – opens with the phrase 'Father, hallowed be your name.' These are well-known words but, as New Testament scholar Marcus Borg has pointed out, there are at least two ways of hearing them. Are we reminding *ourselves* to hallow God's name, that is to treat it reverently? Or, are these words addressed to *God* – as in, 'God, make your name holy'? Borg argues that, because the rest of the prayer is addressed to God, the latter seems more likely. But what, then, does it mean to ask God to make God's name holy? Borg explains:

'The image is of God as "Father" and thus as the "householder" of the world [first century society being patriarchal] ... So, how does one judge whether a father, a householder, is a good householder? By how the household is run. Are children well taken care of? Does everybody get enough? Are some pampered and others neglected? How are the animals taken care of? The buildings? Is the household in good shape? To ask God to make God's name holy is to ask God to make the world into a good household.' (Speaking Christian)

It's certainly a thought-provoking interpretation of these verses. Might it also remind us of our part in working with God to transform the world into a flourishing home for all?

God bless,



## READING Colossians 2.6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

## GOSPEL Luke 11.1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

### READING Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

### 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.

## PARISH COVID INFORMATION

### Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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### Communion

In line with Church of England guidance those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion can use this prayer.

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for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
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I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
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*Amen.* after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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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 home with you.

- It is no longer compulsory to wear a face covering at St George's, though please continue to wear one if you wish.
- 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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- 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.
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## PARISH NOTICES

**Choral Scholarship Scheme** - The Parish is launching a new choral scholarship scheme to run alongside its two existing organ scholarships. We wish to appoint Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass choral scholars (ideally one per voice) to sing as part of its main parish choir of adult volunteers as well as, on occasion, independently. The scheme is particularly intended for young musicians of sixth form or university age, but we will consider applications from people at any stage in their musical careers. For full details please see Parish website under latest news, email the Parish Office or speak with our Stuart Whatton, our Director of Music.

**Christ Church Foodbank**- The emergency foodbank supports those in our Parish. We can supply emergency food for a week to all those in need. Referrals will be provided for further supplies. The foodbank is open 11-12pm every Wednesday. Refreshments provided. Please spread the word about the Foodbank and leave food in the Christ Church box so we can help those in need.

**West End Village Show** - We are delighted that the Flower Show and Fête is back at West End after a two-year break and will be held on Saturday 27 August on the August Bank Holiday weekend! As ever, we will be seeking help in selling cakes in St George's and teas in the Village Hall, all to raise funds for our churches. Please put the date in your diaries, and more details will follow shortly!

**Zoom Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - The next Morning Prayer gathering on Zoom will be at 9am on Wednesday 7 September.

**Ordained Ministry** - A vocational retreat on 14-16 October led by Revd Haydon Wilcox explores ordained ministry. For details contact Columba's House (01483 766498 /admin@stcolumbashouse.org.uk).

**Children and Families Worker** - We're looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and fun person to grow our ministry to children from preschool to 11 years old. If you're someone who can help children explore spirituality, meaning and purpose in imaginative and inspiring ways then we would love to hear from you. Full details of this part-time role (14 hours per week), and how to apply, can be found on the Parish website. It has now been advertised in the Church Times and on their job website. The closing date is Friday 29 July.

**Sunday School** - Our Sunday School is taking a break for the Summer holidays. For it to continue in September we need new volunteers to help. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to be involved. Degrees in theology are not needed – just a love of being with little ones as they learn and grow!

**Prayers for our school children** - Please pray for all school children going on to new beginnings – to new schools and colleges. Pray for all year groups moving up to new classes and on to new teachers. All will be getting used to the change and embracing the challenges ahead.

**'Come for Coffee' mornings** - The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 27 July at Christ Church. All are welcome. New dates to be announced soon.

**Parish Giving** - Our digital collection plate in Christ Church takes contactless and chip and pin payments. Donations can be made via the collection plate or cash or online by searching 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or via: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please do contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Ukraine Donations** - We are collecting urgently needed supplies for refugees and those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you have any of the items listed below, please leave at the back of Christ Church, which is now open every day. They will be delivered to a Ukrainian restaurant, the Prosperity Café, in Twickenham, a collection and distribution point for humanitarian aid.

Note clothes are not needed. Donations must be clean, organised and labelled if mixed. Sturdy packaging is essential. Many thanks for your kindness in these dark hours.

- large/medium sized backpacks
- camping mats, sleeping bags, torches
- warm blankets, all sizes
- thermal/base layer clothing, warm socks
- non-perishable/dry/canned food
- baby food/milk, bottles, wet wipes, nappies
- protein/energy bars, sweets
- non-perishable pet food
- painkillers (ibuprofen/paracetamol etc)
- cold/flu medicine (lemsips etc)
- wound dressings/gauze, non-woven plasters
- first aid medical kits, medical gloves, scissors
- disinfectants, antiseptics
- hot water bottles, insulated flasks
- feminine sanitary products
- power banks, cables (for charging mobiles)

**Hosting Ukrainian families** - The Diocese of Guildford is now working as a partner with the charity Citizens UK ([www.citizensuk.org](http://www.citizensuk.org)) to help with offering accommodation to refugees fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine. If anyone is hosting or considering hosting a Ukrainian family please do visit this page <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/i-am-resources/interested-in-supporting-ukraine>, where you can find more information and register your interest to host, in partnership with Citizens UK. This will help the Diocese provide support in the best way possible.

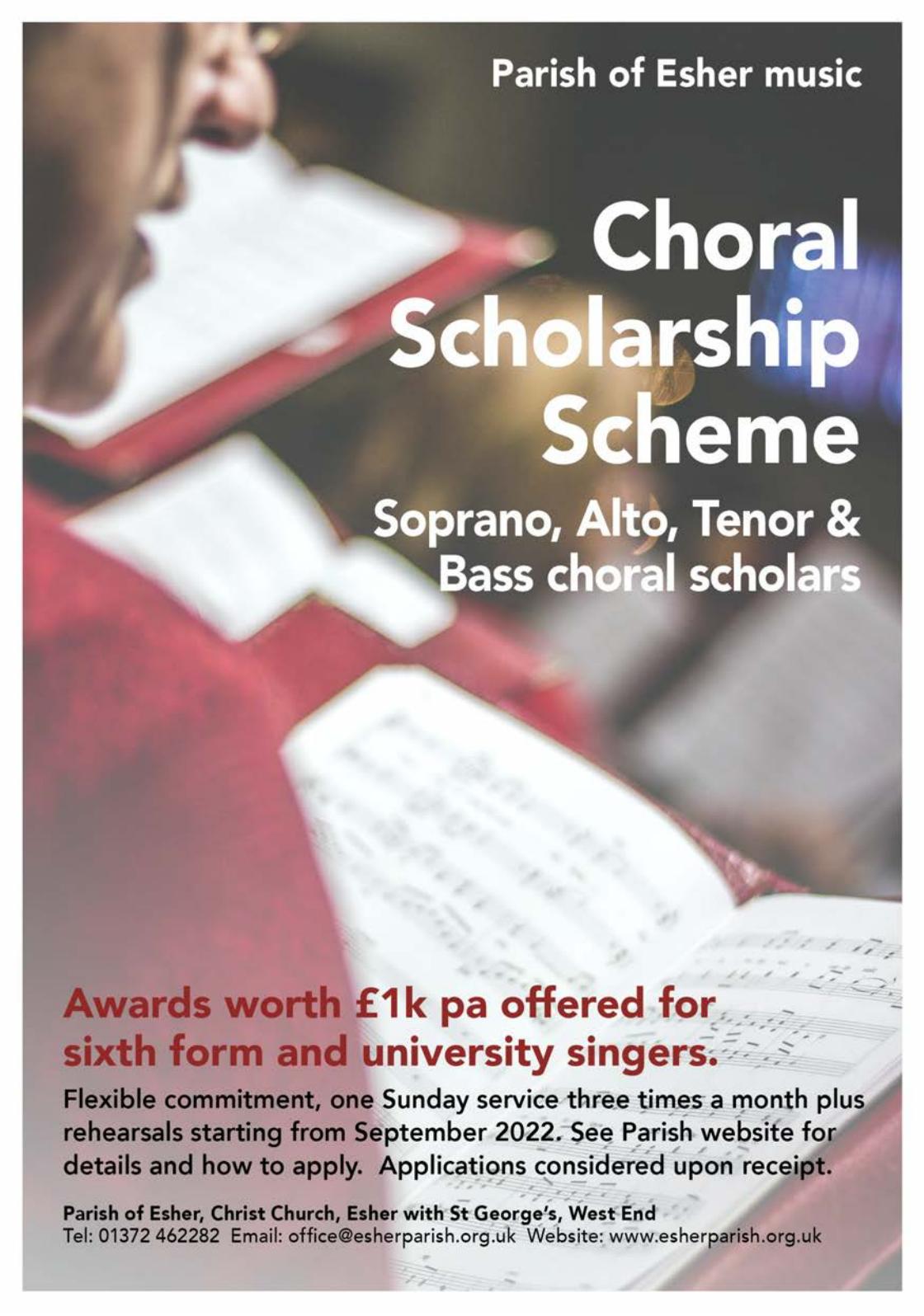
**WhatsApp Scam** - It is rare for us to mention scams but this one is worth drawing to your attention. Firstly to explain WhatsApp is a messaging application or app used only on mobiles. Criminals usually begin a message with 'Hello Mum, Dad etc' saying that they are texting from a new mobile number as the old phone is lost or damaged. They will ask for money to purchase a new phone, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill. They provide bank details for the payment to be made to. If you get an unusual request from a family member or friend on WhatsApp do always stop, think and call to Speak to the person using the existing number you have for them to check the situation.

**Weekly Parish Communication** - An email is sent to church members every Friday with the Sunday pewsheet. If you do not receive this but would like to, please do get in touch with the Parish Office.

**Parish Book Group** - The group is taking a break to enjoy our own favourite reading material over the summer. We will meet again on Tuesday 13 September at 4.30pm in Christ Church when we'll discuss *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy. For information contact Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380/[jandrewesher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewesher@gmail.com).

**Parking in Esher** - We have parking permits for coming to church on Sunday mornings, 10-12.30pm. The permits run until August. For a permit please contact the Parish Office.

**YouTube** - Did you know that you can watch (live or on 'catch-up') the services at Christ Church on our YouTube channel? Check it out at [www.youtube.com/esherparish](http://www.youtube.com/esherparish) and subscribe so that you're always notified of new content. Many thanks to all who make these popular broadcasts possible.



Parish of Esher music

# Choral Scholarship Scheme

Soprano, Alto, Tenor &  
Bass choral scholars

**Awards worth £1k pa offered for  
sixth form and university singers.**

Flexible commitment, one Sunday service three times a month plus rehearsals starting from September 2022. See Parish website for details and how to apply. Applications considered upon receipt.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Edward de Haan, Christopher Tyrell, Ingar Welch, Lisa Hall May Roberts, Annie Dixon, Doreen Coslett, Joseph Bertram, James Morrison

RIP: Jemima Warrington, Judith Freer

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

|           | July | Time | Reading                                   |
|-----------|------|------|---|
| Monday    | 25   |      | 2 Kings 1.9-15; Ps 7; Luke 9.46-56        |
| Tuesday   | 26   |      | 1 Samuel 6.1-16; Ps 132; Luke 21.5-19     |
| Wednesday | 27   |      | 1 Samuel 7; Ps 119.153-end; Luke 21.20-28 |
| Thursday  | 28   |      | 1 Samuel 8; Ps 143; Luke 21.29-end        |
| Friday    | 29   |      | 1 Samuel 9.1-14; Ps 144; Luke 22.1-13     |

## LOOKING AHEAD

|           | July | Time      | Event  |
|-----------|------|-----------|--|
| Sunday    | 24   | 9am       | Holy Communion, St George's                      |
|           |      | 10.30am   | Parish Communion, Christ Church                  |
| Monday    | 25   | 7.15pm    | No choir practice, Christ Church                 |
| Wednesday | 27   | 10.30am   | Friends 'Come for Coffee' morning, Christ Church |
|           |      | 11am-12pm | Foodbank distribution, Christ Church             |
|           |      | 7pm       | Bellringing practice, Christ Church              |
| Thursday  | 28   | All day   | Parish Office closed                             |
| Sunday    | 31   | 9am       | Holy Communion, St George's                      |
|           |      | 10.30am   | Parish Communion, Christ Church                  |
| August    |      | Time      | Event  |
| Monday    | 1    | 7.15pm    | Choir practice, Christ Church                    |
| Wednesday | 3    | 11am      | Fellowship Group, Christ Church                  |
|           |      | 11am-12pm | Foodbank distribution, Christ Church             |
|           |      | 7pm       | Bellringing practice, Christ Church              |
| Thursday  | 4    | All day   | Parish Office closed                             |
| Sunday    | 7    | 9am       | Holy Communion, St George's                      |
|           |      | 10.30am   | Parish Communion, Christ Church                  |

## CONTACTS

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