

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

26 AUGUST 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

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Ann Willig
Chalice	Sue Lynn
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by David
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Miranda Fuller
Prayers	Fiona Owen
Chalice	Martin Fuller, Will Stevens

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	766, 641 (omit v3), 739
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	766, 696, 641, 739
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest
on you in weakness, now and in all our
days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I

speaking, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

PSALM 34.15-end

15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

GOSPEL John 6.56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

PARISH NOTICES

Farewell to the Donnans - Sadly today we say goodbye to Simon and Becky Donnan and their two lovely children, Anna and Neil. They are moving to Sutton Coldfield to be nearer family. Both Simon and Becky have contributed considerably to the life of our parish. Simon has been our PCC Secretary and Deputy Churchwarden whilst Becky has been our Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Noah's Ark helper. They are a lovely family and we will all miss them a lot. We send them 'up north' with our love and best wishes.

West End Village Show - A very big thank you to everybody who helped with the Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall and the Cake, Gift and Bread Stalls in St George's. A great success and a mammoth undertaking! Well done to all. Thank you so much.

Interregnum - Once Stefan is installed in Christleton on Saturday 13 September, we, the Parish of Esher, will officially go into a temporary period of being without a Rector, known as an Interregnum ('between reigns') or a Vacancy. The legal responsibility for the parish will rest with the churchwardens, Sandra Argent and Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, in conjunction with the remaining 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.

8am Services at Christ Church - The next 8am service will be on Sunday 2 September. We are currently planning to run an 8am service on the first Sunday of every month only.

Morning Prayer - We are pleased to say that Fiona Owen has kindly agreed to lead midweek morning prayer on a part time basis. Please check pewsheets and website for exact days. Fiona will also run morning prayer on some Sundays at 8am to give everyone a chance to come together more than once a month at 8am on Sundays - in the first instance these are 9 & 23 September and 14 October. Thank you.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome Aeris Brass, a quartet of talented trombonists, to Christ Church on Wednesday 19 September. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection

Gardeners under Glass - On Tuesday 4 September, 11am-1pm, Community Support Services at Elmbridge Borough Council are launching a new 'Gardeners under Glass' project at Molesey Community Centre, Bishop Fox Way, West Molesey, KT8 2AS. 'Gardeners under Glass' is open to everyone, providing the perfect opportunity to volunteer outdoors, grow local produce, develop gardening skills and meet new people.

Buttons & Bows Charity Coffee Morning - A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 15 September, 10am-1pm, in the West End Village Hall, West End, Esher. The charity coffee morning is raising funds for Canine Partners, a charity that provides life changing dogs to assist their partners with practical help for everyday tasks. Not only will there be coffee and cake, but also a grand raffle, a home-baked cake stall, 'name the doll', 'guess the weight of the cake' and lots of other stalls selling various wares.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton

RIP Anniversaries: Irene Coulson, Richard Coulson, Victoria Cobb, Ivy Fairhead, Tim Walter, Felix Palmer, Sidney Fairhead, John Meek, Jennifer McKerracher, Roger Simmons

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.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	27		2 Samuel 18.1-18; Ps 126; Acts 10.34-end
Tuesday	28		2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a; Ps 132; Acts 11.1-18
Wednesday	29	9.00-9.30am	2 Samuel 19.8b-23; Ps 119.153-end; Acts 11.19-end
Thursday	30		2 Samuel 19.24-end; Ps 143; Acts 12.1-17
Friday	31		2 Samuel 23.1-7; Ps 144; Acts 12.18-end

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Monday	27	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
September		Time	Event
Tuesday	4	All day	Parish Office open
		All day	Start of term at State Schools
		9.45am	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service
Wednesday	5	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services
Sunday	9	10.30am	Noah's Ark resumes
		5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	10	7.15pm	Choir practices resume
Sunday	16	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise