

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

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

1 OCTOBER 2017

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 Stefan
9.00am	Harvest Service at St George's led by Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Caroline St Gallay
Chalice	Sue Lynn
10.30am	All Age Harvest Service at Esher Church School led by Rebecca Warner and Nate
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor & Simon Donnan
Sides	Fiona Owen, David Owen, Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Esher Church School children
Prayers	Rebecca Warner

MUSIC

9.00am	Harvest Service
Hymns	101, 179, 534
10.30am	All Age Harvest Service
Hymns	Care for your world Lord, I pray All things bright and beautiful
Organist	Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who

brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

GOSPEL Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest at Esher Church School - A big thank you to the school for inviting and hosting us today to worship at the school with you. After the service you are welcome to celebrate Harvest with a picnic in the grounds with outdoor games. Any food donations will be given to our local East Elmbridge Foodbank (www.eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk). We are also, through the collection, raising funds for Tearfund's Hunger Steals campaign.

Stefan's Pastoral Letter - Please do pick up a copy from the south doors of the church. If you would like future pastoral letters emailed please contact the Parish Office.

Peter Lindow - It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Peter, a much loved member of our community, and particularly of West End. Please pray for Andrea and her family at this time. Peter's funeral service will be at St George's on Tuesday 3 October at 2.30pm. All welcome. Refreshments available in the West End Social Club afterwards.

Margaret Williams - We also, with great sadness, announce the death of Dr Margaret Williams, a devoted and long-standing member of our community. Please do pray for Margaret's family at this sad time. The funeral service will be at Christ Church on Monday 9 October at 1pm. All are very welcome.

I:Tea+Coffee Club - As part of our vision to deliver community engagement projects, we are creating space for connecting conversations with a short introductory iPad lesson. We hope this space will be particularly helpful to older members of our community. The club will run for 10 weeks from Wednesday 4 October, 10.00 - 11.30am, at Christ Church.

Inspire Newsletter - The Autumn edition of the Parish's free e-newsletter, Inspire, is just out. To subscribe online go to the 'latest news' page on the Parish website.

All Souls Service - This year the All Souls Service at Christ Church will take place on Sunday 5 November at 3.30pm. There will be a list in Christ Church for you to add names of loved ones to be remembered in the service.

MOTG Music & the Reformation evening presentation - Exactly 500 years ago, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg and set in train the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation influenced our music and culture in many ways which still resonate today. To celebrate the renowned church musician, Philip Norman, will give a fascinating presentation with visual imagery and recorded musical examples, making full use of our new audio-visual system. This talk will interest singers, musicians and anyone interested in musical history. Do join us on Monday 23 October, 7.15-8.45pm, for an evening to remember! Light refreshments. Retiring collection.

Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans - Our trip to St Alban's will take place on Wednesday 11 October. The all day visit includes cathedral entrance, coach trip and some free time. Estimated cost £27 per person. Everyone is welcome. Sign-up on the list in Christ Church.

Epsom Mental Health & Well-Being Festival 2017 - The festival takes place across Epsom from 7 to 15 October. For programme details see www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton

RIP Anniversaries: Winifred Peden, Jean Mumby, David Rennie

RIP: Peter Lindow, Margaret Williams

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.

October		Time	Reading
Monday	2	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 11.21-12.2; Ps 44; Mark 12.28-34
Tuesday	3	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 12.12-21; Ps 48; Mark 12.35-end
Wednesday	4	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 13.1-9; Ps 119.57-80; Mark 13.1-13
Thursday	5		Wisdom 16.15-17.1; Ps 57; Mark 13.14-23
Friday	6		Wisdom 18.6-19; Ps 51; Mark 13.24-31

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Tuesday	3	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		2.30pm	Funeral at St George's: Peter Lindow
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday	4	10.00am	I:Tea+Coffee Club
Sunday	8	3.00pm	Chertsey District Bellringers Programme meeting
		6.00pm	Youth Group
Monday	9	1.00pm	Funeral at Christ Church: Margaret Williams
Tuesday	10	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday	11	All day	Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans
		10.00am	I:Tea+Coffee Club
Thursday	12	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Tuesday	17	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise