

# 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6 OCTOBER 2019

## 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 our church communities. Please do take it home.

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion led by Revd Richard Truss
Music & Hymns	706, 698, 589
Reading & Prayers	Caroline St Gallay
Chalice	Will Stevens
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones

## CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion led by William
10.30am	All Age Service led by Dave Whymark
Music & Hymns	545, 777, 678
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Peter Hardy, Volunteer needed!
Reading	Jamie Warner
Prayers	Fiona Owen
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Volunteer needed!

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## READING Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry,

wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

### PSALM 37.1-9

1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.  
3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.  
6 He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.  
7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.  
8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret - it leads only to evil.  
9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

### GOSPEL Mark 12.28-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. 'There is no commandment greater than these.'" "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Interregnum Update** - It is hoped that the post of Rector for our parish is to be re-advertised soon with a closing date for all applications of 30 October. Interviews will take place during November. Your prayers that God's chosen person comes forward and for those involved in the process and the PCC are much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you. In the interim, Revd Sarb Klair, the curate at St Nicholas', Thames Ditton, will be taking a number of our services. Do please make him welcome.

**Attendance Count** - During October you will notice more rigorous counting of adults and children across all services. Attendance data is a measure of our community health and is submitted to the Church of England to guide resource allocation. Please don't be concerned.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - The Parish will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning in memory of Beverley, our late churchwarden. It will be after our Sunday service at Christ Church on Sunday 13 October. Very kindly Polly and Diana have offered to perform for us which will be super. So please be ready to put your baking apron back on!

**Music on the Green evening concert** - On Saturday 19 October we were looking forward to welcoming the Boyce Camerata to Christ Church for a superb programme of Bach, Boyce and Tchaikovsky, but this concert has unfortunately had to be postponed. We will fix a fresh date for it at the earliest opportunity - please keep your eyes peeled!

**Esher Tiffin Club** - Next lunch meeting is on Sunday 27 October at 12.30pm. All are very welcome. If you are interested do email Will Stevens at [wjtstevens@gmail.com](mailto:wjtstevens@gmail.com).

**Parish Funding & Stewardship Campaign** - We invite you all to understand our challenge and the need for regular giving to support all the work that we do here in our Parish and the Diocese. We hope that you will all feel able to share in the responsibility we have and to consider prayerfully how you can respond and support our regular giving. We shall be sharing this challenge with you today and in doing so encourage everyone to help in whatever way they can.

**All Souls Service** - This year's All Souls Service will be led by David Gerrard at Christ Church and will take place at 4pm on Sunday 3 November. There is a list in both churches for you to add names of loved ones to be remembered in the service.

**Music on the Green lunchtime concert** - Our next concert at Christ Church is on Wednesday 16 October at 1.10pm, when the Marmara Piano Trio will treat us to Tchaikovsky's epic Piano Trio Opus 50.

**Parish Christmas Lunch** - The Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday 8 December at 12.30pm at the Bear. Two course menu, coffee and gratuity. £25 per person. Space is limited to 44 guests.

**Vesper Sky In Concert** - Following their enormously successful MOTG appearance in April, our very own Stewart & Carol Henderson, in company with Yvonne & David Lyon, will be reprising their unique collection of songs and poems at The Corner House Theatre, 116 Douglas Road, Surbiton KT6 7SB (opposite the Allberrys' home!) on Friday 11 October at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 on the door/£8 in advance from [www.musicglue.com](http://www.musicglue.com); all welcome.

**Please stay for refreshments after the service.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Viola Mason

RIP anniversaries: Dorothy Ward, Patricia Richards

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below. All are welcome to use Christ Church for daily prayer.

October		Time	Reading
Monday	7		Ecclesiasticus 1.1-10; Ps 44; Mark 12.28-34
Tuesday	8		Ecclesiasticus 1.11-end; Ps 48; Mark 12.35-end
Wednesday	9		Ecclesiasticus 2; Ps 119.57-80; Mark 13.1-13
Thursday	10		Ecclesiasticus 3.17-29; Ps 57; Mark 13.14-23
Friday	11		Ecclesiasticus 4.11-28; Ps 51; Mark 13.24-31

## PARISH CALENDAR

October		Time	Event
Sunday	6	3.00pm	Chertsey District Bellringers Programme Meeting
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Pioneers, St Mary's, East Molesey
Monday	7	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	8	2.30pm	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	9	2.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	13	11.45am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Pioneers, St Mary's, East Molesey
Monday	14	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	16	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Marmara Piano Trio
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	20	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Pioneers, St Mary's, East Molesey
Thursday	24	10.00am	Fellowship Group

## CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise