

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

8 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 Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Nate & Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Chalice	Sue Langley
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate and Stefan
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Hannah Emerson, Sandra Argent, Hugh Miller, Will Stevens
Reading	Will Stevens
Prayers	Nevin Truesdale
Chalice	Hannah Emerson
MUSIC	
Anthem	<i>I will sing with the spirit</i> (Rutter)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	77, 53, 205
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	77, 53, 205, In Christ Alone
Organist	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 Philippians 3.4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not

consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

PSALM 19

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.33-end

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

PARISH NOTICES

Margaret Williams - With great sadness, we 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 club will be helpful to older members of our community. The club will run for 10 weeks continuing on Wednesday 11 October, 10.00 - 11.30am, at Christ Church.

Youth Group (Y5+) - Youth Group will be playing Hockey at Surbiton Hockey Club at 4.45pm to 6.30pm this afternoon. If interested please email Emily Worthington at emilyeworthington@googlemail.com. Bring your kit and a gum shield!

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. For those already booked to go please be at Christ Church at 9.15am for a prompt coach departure at 9.30am. The all day visit includes cathedral entrance, coach trip and some free time. Cost £25 per person. Everyone is welcome.

Epsom Mental Health & Well-Being Festival 2017 - With mental health and well-being affecting everyone the work of the festival is all the more important. This festival takes place at venues across Epsom from Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 October. For the full programme and list of venues see www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk.

Parish Christmas Lunch - The Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday 10 December at 12.30pm at the Bear. Two course menu, filter coffee and gratuity. Price £25 per person. Space is limited to 40 guests. All welcome. If interested please contact the Parish Office.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton

RIP Anniversaries: Dorothy Ward, Gladys Thomas

RIP: 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	9	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 1.1-19; Ps 71; Mark 14.1-11
Tuesday	10	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 1.20-40; Ps 73; Mark 14.12-25
Wednesday	11	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 1.41-end; Ps 77; Mark 14.26-42
Thursday	12	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 2.1-28; Ps 78.1-39; Mark 14.43-52
Friday	13		1 Maccabees 1.29-48; Ps 55; Mark 14.53-65

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	8	3.00pm	Chertsey District Bellringers Programme meeting
		4.45pm	Youth Group, Surbiton Hockey Club
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
Wednesday	18	10.00am	I:Tea+Coffee Club
		12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Anthony Gritten, organ
		8.00pm	West End Committee meeting
Monday	23	7.15pm	Music on the Green evening presentation: An illustrated talk on Music & the Reformation

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise