

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9 AUGUST 2020

CHURCH SERVICE

Service	Parish Communion led by Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Will Stevens, Helen Coulson
Reading	Jan Sayer
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Musicians	Brian Elliott, Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In his book 'The Meaning in the Miracles', the Dean of Saint Alban's, Dr Jeffrey John, notes that most of us can readily identify with Peter in today's Gospel reading - 'losing faith in face of fear and trouble, sinking in panic, then gathered up and rescued by forgiving love.' He goes on:

'However much modern Christians may wonder what did or didn't happen on the Sea of Galilee over 2000 years ago ... it remains a fact of Christian experience that these miracles 'work'. Their message is true. Not usually, perhaps, in the sense that physical storms are calmed, or that Christians walk on water, but certainly in the sense that Christ's words still have extraordinary power to bring "a great calm" in times of turmoil and chaos - when we have faith, however faltering, that he is who he is: "Peace, be still.

Do not be afraid. I AM."

God bless,



MUSIC

Communion Music	<i>I got me flowers and The Call</i> , nos. 2 & 4 from <i>Five Mystical Songs</i> (Vaughan Williams)
Closing Organ Voluntary	<i>Prelude in F minor, BWV 534</i> (Bach)
Virtual Anthem	<i>O lux beata Trinitas</i> (O Trinity of blessed light) Andrej Makor (b.1987) Performed by Brigham Young University Singers, Utah www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBxZii18UNs Scrolling score, full text and translation available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvHcCuYEI4U

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table
of your Son to share this meal
with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING 1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

PSALM 85.8-13

8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, or he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
12 The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

In line with the latest COVID-19 guidance from the Government and the Diocese, Sunday morning public worship has now resumed with a Parish Communion at Christ Church on Sundays, at 10.30am. It is hoped services at St George's West End will also recommence in due course. Please keep an eye on our website for updates. Your churches remain open for private prayer, with Christ Church open on Wednesdays, 9am to 6pm, (except Wednesday 12 August) and St George's on Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm, and Sundays, 2pm to 4pm. There are safety guidelines to be followed and social distancing is to be maintained. Please read the instructions upon entering. Thank you.

Help & the Parish Office - The office is working remotely and is closed. If you need support, do let us know via the Parish Office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries please contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152. For music or 'MOTG' enquiries, contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, on 07816 011621 or fullorgan@cantab.net. Many thanks.

Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

This is a new free initiative launched by the Church of England and Lambeth Palace with help from Holy Trinity Claygate. Following a greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, a list of options includes a short talk exploring a traditional hymn, hymns on a loop, the Church of England's weekly service and morning/evening prayers.

SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you. We'll follow the same Order almost every week, so do re-use it.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- Our service will be live-streamed on our Parish Facebook page. The camera is angled so that only the priest and those speaking from the lectern can be seen.
- Face coverings/masks are now required by law in places of worship. Exemptions are those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- 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.
- If you prefer to make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer in the Order of Service, on page 10.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside. But chatting outside in small groups is encouraged!
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

PARISH NOTICES

Rector's Holidays - Our Rector, Darren, will be away from Monday 10 August to Saturday 22 August (inclusive). Please see the 'Help & the Parish Office' notice for the Parish Office and Churchwarden contact details.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - There will be no Morning Prayer on Zoom for the next two Wednesdays (12 & 19 August). It will resume on Wednesday 26 August at 9am. For the Zoom sign-in details contact the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk).

Zoom Bible Reflection & Prayer - At 9am on Tuesday mornings, one of our Occasional Preachers leads a time of Bible reflection and prayer. It includes a discussion of the day's lectionary reading, followed by shared prayer. All are welcome to join this informal weekly Zoom gathering which finishes about 10am. For the Zoom sign-in details contact the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk).

Donations - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the Parish of Esher. Like many parishes we've seen a fall in our income in recent months, so if you're in a position to do so, please consider how you can support mission and ministry in this place. You can make donations via our JustGiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish> - and there will be a retiring collection at the door after today's service. You can also make payments to the parish bank account. Contact the Parish Office for details, and for Gift Aid forms. Thank you!

Gift Aid Envelopes - Do ask if you would like an envelope. To be eligible for Gift Aid, the donor, who's claiming the Gift Aid against tax they have paid, should clearly write their name, address and the date. An envelope with more than one name or no address or date will not be eligible for Gift Aid.

Children's Church-Takeaway Activity Packs - We've put together pizza boxes full of fun and faith for children to take with them wherever they go this summer. There's a blow-up beach ball, party bubbles, crayons and a wrist-band; as well as 'Friends and Heroes' activity sheets, colouring books and lots of other stuff. We've a limited supply, so don't miss out. To have one delivered to your door please email office@esherparish.org.uk.

Shop Online & Fundraise - The website [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) turns your everyday online shopping into donations for the Parish, at no cost at all to you. Just visit your favourite retailers through the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccesher/> - and then shop as normal.

Parish Fundraising via Amazon - You can also fundraise for the Parish when you shop with Amazon. Support us by always starting your shopping using the link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134847-0>

Electoral Roll - In April 2019 we completely reviewed our Electoral Roll. You may find you are not on the roll when you thought you were. If you would like to add your name to the roll, please contact the Parish Office for a form. Thank you.

Music on the Green - Our first virtual concert, a harmonica and piano recital by Phil Hopkins and our very own Stuart Whatton, can be found on our MOTG YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60NyS0liNK3Y10JOnMu1w/featured?view_as=subscriber). For donations to Music on the Green, we have set up an MOTG JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG>. Many thanks for all your donations so far. If you haven't already listened to the recital, do tune in and let us know what you think.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Helena Miller

RIP Anniversaries: Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons, Alwyn Hunter

RIP: Sarah Tweedle, Inger Dagmar Welch

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	10		1 Samuel 19.1-18; Ps 44; Acts 1.1-14
Tuesday	11	9.00-10.00am	1 Samuel 20.1-17; Ps 48; Acts 1.15-end
Wednesday	12	8.50-9.30am	1 Samuel 20.18-end; Ps 119.57-80; Acts 2.1-21
Thursday	13		1 Samuel 21.1-22.5; Ps 57; Acts 2.22.36
Friday	14		1 Samuel 22.6-end; Ps 51; Acts 2.37-end

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Monday	10	6.00-7.00pm	Choir garden gathering, Member's home
Tuesday	11	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Thursday	13	12 noon	Funeral of Sarah Tweedle, Christ Church
Sunday	16	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	17	All day	Parish office on holiday (Aug 17-24 incl.)
		7.30-8.15pm	Choir meeting, Zoom
Tuesday	18	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	23	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

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