

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	All Age Eucharist Service at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman, Will Stevens
Reading	To be announced
Prayers	Esher Church School pupils
Refreshments	Will Stevens
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Lentement, from Grand Dialogue in C (Marchand)</i>
St George's Hymns	604, 657, 593 (omit v.2,4,6)
Christ Church Hymns	604, 264 (omit v.5), 42
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>Cantate Domino (James Chepponis)</i>
Closing Music	<i>Tuba Tune (C S Lang)</i>

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of
your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your
perpetual mercy; and, because without
you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful, and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Welcome to this All Age Eucharist
with 'Blessing of the Bags'. It's just our
second time holding this special service
but it already feels like a key date in the
calendar.

After all, the last eighteen months has
made us more conscious than ever of
the amazing work done in our school
communities. We also know that the
start of the new academic term can
bring great excitement and anticipation
as well as some butterflies in the
stomach (and that's just the teachers!)

And so we want to assure our young
people – and all those who work in
education – that they return to their
places of learning with our prayers and
with God's blessing. Indeed we pray
that everyone who is making a fresh
start this September will have a sense
of God's sustaining presence with them
as they step into the future in faith.

Please take one of the special bag-tags
home with you and always remember
that 'God's got your back!' and that we
are – each and every one of us –
'Blessed to be a Blessing.'

God bless,



READING James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8.27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

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Communion

In line with Church of England guidance those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion can use this prayer.

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Amen. after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship.

A few things to remember:

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. 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.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- 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.

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A few things to remember:

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Apart from the designated socially-distanced zone, please feel free to sit in any pew. Please also feel free to sit with friends if you wish.
- We will continue to keep a list of those in attendance. Please be assured that this information is held securely.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. 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.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
- 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.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Refreshments will be served afterwards. This will be outside, weather permitting.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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PARISH NOTICES

'Blessing our Bags' - In Christ Church this Sunday we will hold our popular All Age Service when everyone has an opportunity to have their school bag, briefcase or laptop bag blessed for the year ahead.

Afghan Refugees - The Home Office has asked the Church of England to help in the search for accommodation for Afghans who are seeking asylum in this country. Most of these people worked for the UK government which is the primary reason for their needing to flee. If you feel you might be able to help please contact the Diocese of Guildford Asylum Seeker Adviser, The Revd Diane Peters, at diane.peters@cofeguildford.org.uk

Music on the Green - For our next concert, this Wednesday at 1.15pm, we welcome the Diphonon Duo - Michael Iskas on viola and Iñigo Mikeleiz-Berrade on accordion. Light lunch available from 12.30pm. The concert will also be live-streamed on our 'Music on the Green Esher' YouTube channel.

Book Group - We have had to postpone our discussion of William Wood's book 'Fate and Faith' due to difficulties sourcing copies. William has broken the logjam so, if you'd like one, let Jonathan know (01372 479776 /jandrewesher@gmail.com). A 'meet the author' session will be arranged soon. In the meantime, in our next meeting, on Tuesday 21 September at 4.30pm in Christ Church we will discuss 'The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra' by Vaseem Khan - set in modern-day Mumbai it's described as charming, enchanting and delightful!

'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer - The Group is taking a break during September, but will resume weekly Tuesday meetings on Tuesday 5 October at 9am. All are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for Zoom details.

Esher Church School - Would you like some community involvement with your local church school? ECS is looking for a trustee with a background linked to health and safety management or facilities management. This voluntary role would involve a termly visit to school, a follow-up report and termly attendance at governing body meetings. If you're interested, please contact the Rector.

Archbishop Justin Welby - The Archbishop is visiting the Guildford Diocese this month. He will be visiting our (Emly) Deanery for a 'Big Questions Event' at Esher High School on Saturday 25 September at 5.30pm. The Archbishop will take questions about life and faith with no question being 'off limits'. For details and to book free tickets go to: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/JustinWelby. Please let the Parish Office know if you're going as it may be possible to share cars.

Bellringing - We are seeking new members to join our happy, but depleted team. Open to all ages - you only need to be able to lift your arms above your head, climb the 56 steps up to the top of the tower and count to 8 (well we do have 8 bells!). This is the best workout available, giving your back a good stretch and you use your mind too. No musicality required - smiling is obligatory! Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues at 9am every Wednesday. Please ask the Parish Office for details.

Parish Giving - Thank you for your ongoing support. If you're able to, you can donate today or via our 'Give A Little' page at <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260> or via <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish>. To donate to our bank account, contact the Parish Office for details and Gift Aid forms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Jaeseok Yang, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Hugh Miller, Stewart Henderson, Graham Woolgar

RIP Anniversaries: Brian Flynn, Patricia Newman, Patrick Handyside, Peter Lindow

RIP: Viola Mason

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

September		Time	Reading
Monday	13		Wisdom 6.12-23; Ps 30; Mark 11.1-11
Tuesday	14	9.00-10.00am	Genesis 3.1-15; Ps 8; John 12.27-36a
Wednesday	15	9.00-10.00am	Wisdom 7.15-8.4; Ps 34; Mark 11.27-end
Thursday	16		Wisdom 8.5-18; Ps 37; Mark 12.1-12
Friday	17		Wisdom 8.21-end of 9; Ps 31; Mark 12.13-17

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	12	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	'Blessing our Bags' All Age Eucharist Service, Christ Church
		Midday to 5pm	Weekend Welcome Open Event, Christ Church
Monday	13	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	15	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Diphonon Duo
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	16	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	19	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	20	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	22	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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