

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

14 JUNE 2020

CHURCH SERVICE

Service	Parish Communion led by Revd Darren McCallig
Reading	Bridget Williams
Preacher	John Sandison
Prayers	Martin Fuller
Music & Hymns	276, 630
Anthem	<i>O beata et gloriosa Trinitas</i> (Palestrina)
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

READING Exodus 19.2-8a

They had journeyed from Rephidim,
entered the wilderness of Sinai, and
camped in the wilderness; Israel camped
there in front of the mountain. Then Moses
went up to God; the Lord called to him
from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall
say to the house of Jacob, and tell the
Israelites: You have seen what I did to
the Egyptians, and how I bore you on
eagles' wings and brought you to myself.
Now therefore, if you obey my voice
and keep my covenant, you shall be
my treasured possession out of all the
peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine,
but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom
and a holy nation. These are the words
that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In today's Gospel (Matthew 9.35-10.23) we see how Jesus's compassion for the 'harassed and helpless' leads directly to his commissioning of the twelve to go out and proclaim the good news. In a beautiful piece of irony, when Jesus tells the disciples to pray that the Lord will send out labourers into the harvest (9.38), it turns out that they themselves become the answer to their own prayer!

It reminds me of a cartoon I once saw where a man says to his friend, 'I'd like to ask God why - with all the need in the world - he doesn't do something about it!' However, when the friend asks, 'Well, why don't you?' he has to admit, 'I'm afraid he might ask me the same question!'

Might it be that - to quote the title of an inspiring book by Alice Walker - 'We are the ones we have been waiting for'?

God bless,



So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

GOSPEL Matthew 28.16-20

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without

payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

HYMNS

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

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Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around

the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee,

Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness
hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory
may not see,

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Father, Lord of all creation

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:

you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.

Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.

May your love unite our action,
never more to speak alone:

God, in us abolish faction,

God, through us your love make known.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update - Whilst there is still no organised public worship taking place we are very pleased to announce that, in line with Government and Diocesan regulations, we plan to open our church buildings for private prayer very soon. An announcement, with full details, will be made tomorrow (Monday) via email and on our website.

Help & the Parish Office - The office is working remotely due to the Coronavirus outbreak and is closed. If you need support do let us know via the parish office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries do 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.

E-Prayers - We have an electronic prayer group whereby a weekly email is sent with a reflection or meditation idea, a prayer activity, prayer starters, prayer requests and a prayer for the week - taken from the Church of England's coronavirus liturgy, Common Worship and the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. To sign up, please email prayer@esherparish.org.uk.

Parish of Esher Online Offertory - At this time of online services, proceeds from our 'Online Offertory' will be split 50/50 between supporting the Parish's ministry and mission and helping local charities working with the most vulnerable. At the moment, that worthy cause is the charity Kingston Churches Against Homelessness (<https://www.kcah.org.uk>), which supports people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Supporting this organisation is especially poignant at the moment as one of its founders, the Revd Peter Holmes, Vicar of St Peter's Norbiton, died recently of COVID-19.

To help, please use our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/EsherOnlineOffertory> or see our website for bank transfer details. These are extremely challenging days for many people, and if you are not able to contribute at this time, please do not feel under any pressure to do so.

Shop Online & Fundraise - The website [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccesher/) 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>

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.

Zoom Bible Reflection & Prayer - At 9am on Tuesday mornings, Becky Warner, one of our Occasional Preachers, will lead a time of Bible reflection and prayer. It will include 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. Please contact Becky (rebecca.warner@gmail.com) or the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk) for the Zoom sign-in details.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Every Wednesday the Rector, Darren, leads a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am. All are welcome to join. Download/install Zoom (zoom.us) on your computer or device and also, if you like, the Daily Prayer app from the Church of England (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps>). There is a small fee for the Daily Prayer app but service texts can be found on the Church of England website for free, and will be shown on the screen. Zoom prayers will be followed by coffee time (Zoffee!) finishing at 10am. Contact Darren (rector@esherparish.org.uk) or the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk) for the Zoom sign-in details. Thank you!

Fire at Queen's Close - You may have heard that this large mock Tudor apartment building adjacent to Christ Church was sadly seriously damaged by a major fire on Wednesday afternoon. All residents were evacuated and moved to Esher Green Baptist Church as Christ Church was felt to be too close. Elmbridge Borough Council has found temporary accommodation for everyone including Councillor David Archer, many of whom have lost everything. Esher residents via social media have rallied, thankfully, to provide emergency clothes and supplies. We will let you know if we hear that further help is needed.

Elmbridge Borough Council help - For community assistance and information regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus) go to <https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/> or call the helpline 0300 200 1008, or for deaf and hearing impaired residents, message 07860 053465.

East Elmbridge Foodbank - The Foodbank has made a film about their work since the start of the Coronavirus crisis which they thought people might be interested in. There is a short version (3 min) or a longer one (9 mins) which features more of their amazing volunteers. Here is the link for downloading both the film versions:

<https://makingroomproductions.wetransfer.com/downloads/8a4b7ec671ef6705d1d2825c496cbab320200526161751/793962224a0dfba34ace36f8b7373ade20200526161751/5a6877>. Do watch and share. If you'd like to help, do get in touch via the contact form: <https://eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/>

Music on the Green - Although the virus crisis sadly forced us to cancel our March to June programme, we are pleased to announce that we are working to deliver our final concert of the current season as a virtual performance to be livestreamed online. Join us in front of your computer at lunchtime on Wednesday 15 July for a harmonica and piano recital by Phil Hopkins and our very own Stuart Whatton - further details to follow nearer the time.

RSCM 'Music Sunday' - The Royal School of Church Music is livestreaming at 6pm, this evening, a special participatory service to mark 'Music Sunday'. This is their annual celebration of the powerful role of music in Christian worship. The event will be led by Dr John Hall, ex-Dean of Westminster Abbey, and will feature cathedral and similar choirs from home and abroad, singing an eclectic range of music from Stanford and Rutter to Zulu chants during the intercessions. Those who fancy can access it via the RSCM YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRQivwyTqw&feature=youtu.be> (it will also be available on catch-up after the event, if you are not free at 6pm). As corporate members of the RSCM, our parish choir have access to the musical scores and will sing along from their homes!

Choir meetings - Our choir members are now meeting up virtually, with a Zoom session every Monday 7.30-8.15pm during what would be their normal rehearsal slot. It is essentially social time though Stuart has now set varied pieces as musical homework for those interested. Non-choir members can drop in and say hello, all are welcome to join; please contact Stuart (07816 011621 or fullorgan@cantab.net) if interested.

Youth Group - Although Voyagers and Pioneers cannot meet, every Sunday there is a group Zoom chat at 6.30pm. If your young person in the School Year 7+ age group would like to join us, then please let Dave Whymark (davewhymark@aol.com) know and he will give you the meeting code and add you to the mailing list for other youth information. Thank you.

Service Recordings on CD - Would you, or someone you know, like to receive the Sunday morning service recordings on CD? If so, please contact the Parish Office or the Rector and we'll do our best to deliver them.

Parish website - Please do use our website to listen to our audio services and to source information. All pewsheets continue to be posted on the website. Likewise all orders of service can be accessed also - look for the monthly 'Sermons & Orders of Service' heading under Latest News. The documents can be found in the news item. If needed sermon texts can be supplied on request.

Facebook, SoundCloud & YouTube - Please 'like', 'follow' and 'share' our new Facebook page - www.facebook.com/EsherParish. Do spread the word about this and our parish SoundCloud and YouTube channels too.

Pewsheets & Orders of Service - If you are not receiving the pewsheet and order of service emailing each week and would like to, please email Melanie on the Parish Office email (office@esherparish.org.uk)

InSpire - If you want to be sent our seasonal parish newsletter, you can subscribe at <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=latestnews>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Alice Coulson

Those in distress: The family of Madeleine McCann and all missing children and their families

RIP anniversaries: Ann Townend, Pamela Lowe, Beryl Walter, Poppy Theobald, Ralph Corbett, Margaret Williams, Lily Day

RIP: Sue Garratt, Jill Pattemore, Patricia Roake

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June		Time	Reading
Monday	15		Joshua 14; Ps 30; Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Joshua 21.43-22.8; Ps 36; Luke 12.13-21
Wednesday	17	8.50-9.30am	Joshua 22.9-end; Ps 34; Luke 12.22-31
Thursday	18		Joshua 23; Ps 37; Luke 12.32-40
Friday	19		Joshua 24.1-28; Ps 31; Luke 12.41-48

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Monday	15	7.30-8.15pm	Choir meeting, Zoom
Tuesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	17	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
Monday	22	7.30-8.15pm	Choir meeting, Zoom
Tuesday	23	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	24	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom

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