

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

15 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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is
given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan & Nate
Reading & Prayers	Ann Willig
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Jan Sayer
Prayers	David Stark
Chalice	Pam Stark
MUSIC	
Anthem	<i>Jesu, joy of man's desiring</i> (Bach)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	305, 259, 518
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	305, 277, 259, 518
Organist	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

READING Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep

on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

PSALM 106.1-6, 19-23

1 Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

3 Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them;

5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

6 Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

19 They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped a cast image.

20 They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

21 They forgot God, their Saviour, who had done great things in Egypt,

22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

23 Therefore he said he would destroy them - had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" For many are called, but few are chosen.'

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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 18 October, 10.00-11.30am, at Christ Church.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 12 November, is Remembrance Sunday. The services at Christ Church at 8am and at St George's at 9am will take place as normal. The 10.30am service at Christ Church becomes the Remembrance Sunday service. The service will start with a short act of remembrance at the war memorial on Esher Green opposite the church at 10.45am, not 10.30am, followed by the service in the church.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - On Wednesday 18 October Anthony Gritten, Head of Undergraduate Programmes at the Royal Academy of Music, will give us an organ recital. Our recently installed audio-visual will enable easy viewing of his talents in the organ loft. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm.

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 this 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 - Many thanks to everyone who supported this and went on the trip to St Albans. A great success and most informative and enjoyable. A very big thank you to Michael Banks for organising this Fellowship Group trip.

Toddlers' Praise - Toddlers' Praise will not run on Tuesday 24 October as it is half term.

Parish Office closed - Closed from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October inclusive.

PeerTalk - Interested in mental wellbeing and a good listener? PeerTalk, a Methodist Church charity, is looking for volunteers to help run a new peer support group for people living with depression and mental health conditions in Guildford. Training day is on Saturday 4 November at The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford, GU2 7XZ, 10am-4pm. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk or email admin@peertalk.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: Dan Walter, Miriam MacGibbon, Bill Bedford

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	16	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 3.1-26; Ps 80; Mark 15.1-15
Tuesday	17	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 3.27-41; Ps 89.1-18; Mark 15.16-32
Wednesday	18	9.00 - 9.30am	Isaiah 55; Ps 145; Luke 1.1-4
Thursday	19	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 4.1-25; Ps 92; Mark 15.42-end
Friday	20	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Maccabees 4.26-35; Ps 88; Mark 16.1-8

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Tuesday	17	All day	Parish Office closed
		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	All week	Parish Office closed (23-27 October)
		7.15pm	Music on the Green evening presentation: An illustrated talk on Music & the Reformation
Thursday	26	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Tuesday	31	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
November		Time	Event
Wednesday	1	10.00am	I:Tea+Coffee Club
Thursday	2	Midday	Wedding
Sunday	5	3.30pm	All Souls Service
Tuesday	7	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise