

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

18 JULY 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sandra Argent
Reading	Peter Bedford
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Vater unser im Himmelreich', BuxWV 219 (Buxtehude)</i>
Hymns	591, 464, 669
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>My eyes for beauty pine (Howells)</i>
Closing Music	<i>Dialogue sur les trompettes, from Messe pour les Paroisses (Couperin)</i>

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In his book 'Do Nothing to Change Your Life' Archbishop Stephen Cottrell argues that taking rest and play seriously is the best antidote to the unhealthy illusion that meaning and value can only be found in busyness. Like Jesus's call in today's Gospel to 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while', the volume is an invitation to find God 'not through our effort, or hard work, or even our goodness, but in those moments of forgetfulness, of sleeping and dreaming, when we are suddenly caught unawares by the wild and mysterious beauty of the world.' He goes on to offer some subversive practical advice:

'So let's spend more time listening to the things we can't hear and therefore coming closer to the things we cannot see. This will not only prepare us for heaven, it will enable us to live the life of heaven, the true Sabbath, here on earth ... So switch off the TV; put this book down; shut your eyes; breathe deeply; dream; do nothing but listen to the things you can't hear. Nurture your inner slob. You might even find you begin to pray – not by saying a lot of stuff to God, but by enjoying the intimacy of God's presence and the fragile beauty of each passing moment. To put it another way: don't just do something, sit there!'

God bless,



READING Ephesians 2.11-end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

GOSPEL Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

HYMNS

As pants the hart for cooling streams

1 As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing grace.

2 For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.

4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Sweet sacrament divine

1 Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine (x 2).

2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace (x 2).

3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest (x 2).

4 Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine (x 2).

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

We are very happy to have Christ Church and Saint George's West End open again for in-person public worship. Christ Church will also open for private prayer most Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm.

'Time to Pray' App – This app presents everything you need, with variations for the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. To download the app go to <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line 24 hours a day. A Church of England initiative (in partnership with Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life).

Help & the Parish Office - The office will continue to work remotely. If you need support, do please let us know via the office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Jane Tyrrell on 07971 698299. Many thanks.

Call to the Nation - The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, invite us to pray each day at 6pm to remember those who have died from COVID-19. For more details go to: [tps://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation)

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

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

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- Individuals, households and support bubbles are asked not to 'mingle with others' before, during, or after the service.
- Sadly, congregational singing is still not permitted - Choir members will raise their beautiful voices on our behalf.
- 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.
- Face coverings/masks are required by law. 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.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside after the service.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you!

My dear friends,

As you know, the Government has announced the lifting of most Covid-19 related legal restrictions from Monday 19 July. This is a move which will be both a relief and a cause of anxiety. In particular, many of those who are 'clinically extremely vulnerable' or not in the best of health will be apprehensive about these changes, as will their loved ones.

As a Christian community we are called to show solidarity with each other and to be mindful of those in need of special care and protection. For that reason, the PCC and I – together with our Safeguarding Officers – have decided to maintain most of the Covid-related precautions at the Sunday morning services. This will be reviewed at the end of August and in the light of any Church of England guidance issued in the meantime (at the time of writing we are still awaiting that guidance).

Here's a summary of how we will go forward.

First, those things that will remain the same from Sunday 25 July:

- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering when attending Sunday services (unless you are exempt), bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others.
- Every other pew will continue to be closed. However, with the anticipated ending of 'bubbles', if you would like to sit with friends in the same pew then please do.
- We will continue to keep a list of those in attendance. Please be assured that this information is held securely.
- Communion will continue to be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest sanitising their hands and wearing a face covering for distribution, which will be in silence.
- We ask, please, that you use the hand sanitiser provided when you enter the church, and before receiving communion, and as you leave the church.
- We will maintain our online offertory (<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>) and retiring collection. Please give as you are able.

And those things that will change from Sunday 25 July:

- Congregational singing will be permitted behind face coverings.
- Refreshments will be served after the 10.30 service in Christ Church. This will be outside, weather permitting.

Similar changes will be in place for the fortnightly services at St George's West End. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

I'm acutely aware that we've been through a most extraordinary eighteen months and that many people have suffered greatly in that time. I am also very conscious of the extra burdens borne by our amazing Parish staff and volunteers. Our strong sense of mutual support and care has brought us through these difficult days and I pray that we will continue to be a Christian community striving to grow – by the grace of God – in faith, hope and love.

God bless,


PARISH NOTICES

Me and my arm - I am taking a holiday break 19 July to 6 August. Contact details for other clergy and parish officers are on the parish website. Continuing thanks to everyone for your prayers for my ongoing recovery. Darren.

Music on the Green - Our next concert will be on Wednesday 21 July at 1.15pm, and will feature Gabriella Jones on solo harp, with a programme including works by Scarlatti, Debussy, Rachmaninov and Liszt. This will be the last concert of our current season, so do join us! Recent recitals can be viewed on our 'Music on the Green Esher' YouTube channel.

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

Book Group - For its next read, the Book Group has chosen 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney. Many of us will have seen the TV serialisation, but the novel gives us a deeper insight into the characters. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 August at 4.30pm. We hope the easing of restrictions will let us meet in person. To know more, please contact Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or jandrewesher@gmail.com.

'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer - The Group, which meets on Tuesday mornings is taking a little break. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 10 August at 9am. Contact the Parish Office for Zoom details.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Zoom Morning Prayer is taking a break for a few weeks. The next gathering will be on Wednesday 11 August at 9am.

Archbishop Justin Welby - The Archbishop will be visiting the Guildford Diocese in late September. 'An Evening with Justin Welby' will be held on Friday 24 September at 8pm at the Lakeside Centre, Camberley.

This event, envisaged primarily for existing church members, will be an opportunity to hear the Archbishop speak on the future of the local church and engage in an extended Q&A session. It will also be a time of support, encouragement and thanksgiving for all that parishes have been doing during the pandemic. Free tickets can be booked via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-160856571335>

The Archbishop will also be visiting each deanery for a 'Big Questions Event', to which we can invite guests who we feel may like to hear about the Christian faith. The archbishop will respond to questions from those present, with no question being 'off limits.' The 'Big Questions Event' for our (Emly) Deanery will be held at Esher High School on Saturday 25 September at 5.30pm. Further details on all events and links for booking free tickets please go to: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/JustinWelby

Fellowship Group - After giving it some thought it has been decided to cancel our July meeting. Apologies. The next meeting will be announced in the pewsheet.

Noah's Ark - Sunday school has now finished for the summer. Noah's Ark will set sail again in September. The starting date will be confirmed in the pewsheet. Thank you.

Youth Group - The final meeting is this afternoon. The September starting date will be announced in the pewsheet.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Jaeseok Yang, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Chris Rowse, Stewart Henderson, Hugh Miller, Lady Sheila Frame

RIP Anniversaries: Frederick Purvis, Michael Lumley-Kelly, Rose Mason, Rosemary Simmons, Edward de Haan, Christopher Tyrell

RIP: Ann Elizabeth Grant, Anatoli Alessandrovich Bogdanovskiy, Shireen Sahn

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
	Monday	19	Ezekiel 14.12-end; Ps 1; 2 Corinthians 11.1-15
	Tuesday	20	Ezekiel 18.1-20; Ps 5; 2 Corinthians 11.16-end
	Wednesday	21	Ezekiel 18.21-32; Ps 119.1-32; 2 Corinthians 12
	Thursday	22	1 Samuel 16.14-end; Ps 32; Luke 8.1-3
	Friday	23	Ezekiel 20.21-38; Ps 19; James 1.1-11

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Sunday	18	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
		6.30pm	Youth Group Meeting, Zoom
Monday	19	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	21	10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Gabriella Jones, harp
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	22	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	25	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion & Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	26	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	27	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	28	All day	Parish Office closed

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