

# 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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

19 JULY 2020

## CHURCH SERVICE

Service	Parish Communion led by Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Polly Jordan, Will Stevens
Reading	Joan Howell-Jones
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Prayers	Polly Jordan
Musicians	Carol Henderson, Stuart Whetton Keith Howell-Jones

## MUSIC

Opening Organ Voluntary	<i>Salut d'amour</i> Edward Elgar, arr. Evans
Closing Organ Voluntary	<i>Chanson de matin, Op.15 no.2</i> Edward Elgar, arr. Brewer
Communion Music	<i>God be in my head</i> Henry Walford Davies
Anthem	<i>Exsultate justi</i> (Andreas Hakenberger)

### Virtual Anthem

Performed by Schola Una Voce, Cieszyn, Poland  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZH8SzRQ1yY>

*Exsultate, justi, in Domino;  
rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in citara;  
in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei  
canticum novum;  
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just;  
praise befits the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp;  
sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten  
strings. Sing to him a  
new canticle; sing well unto him with a loud noise.*

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today's Gospel Reading - the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares - calls to mind Augustine of Hippo's description of the church as a '*corpus permixtum*' - a mixed body which includes both saints and sinners, fruitful crops as well as destructive weeds.

It has always seemed to me, however, that such a division of the world into 'good guys' and 'bad guys' can all too easily obscure the truth that - as Alexander Solzhenitsyn put it - 'the line separating good and evil passes ... through every human heart.' ('The Gulag Archipelago'). Might it not be more accurate, therefore, to say that each one of us, as individuals, is something of a '*corpus permixtum*' - an admixture of wheat and weeds, the noble and the ignoble, the selfless and the selfish? And if that's the case, perhaps the best response to today's Gospel would be the heartfelt prayer: 'Lord, convert the world! Begin with me!'

God bless,



## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## READING Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

## PSALM 86.11-end

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name for ever.

13 For great is your steadfast love towards me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

14 O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving-maid.

17 Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

## GOSPEL Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

## PARISH NOTICES

### 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 at 10.30am every Sunday. It is hoped that services at St George's West End can also recommence in due course. Please keep an eye on our website for updates. In addition, your churches remain open for private prayer. Christ Church will be open on Wednesdays, 9am to 6pm, and on Sundays, 12 noon to 4pm. St George's is open on Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm, and on Sundays, 2pm to 4pm. There are safety guidelines to be followed and social distancing to be maintained. Please read the instructions upon entering. Thank you.

**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.

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

**InSpire** - If you want to be sent our seasonal parish newsletter, you can subscribe at <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=latestnews>. The summer issue has just come out.

**Parish of Esher Online Offertory** - With the weekly offerings gathered and presented during each Sunday service not having been possible in recent months, we have created a JustGiving page where those who are in a position to do so can support the mission and ministry of Esher Parish. Please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish> for details. These are very 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](http://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>

**Music on the Green** - A few days ago, our first virtual concert went live on our new YouTube channel. The harmonica and piano recital by Phil Hopkins and our very own Stuart Whatton, with a programme including works by Bach, Debussy, Fauré and Gershwin, can be found at Music on the Green's YouTube channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60NysOliNK3Y10JOnMu1w/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60NysOliNK3Y10JOnMu1w/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>. If you haven't already listened to the recital, do tune in and let us know what you think.

**Choir Quiz** - Congratulations to Helen Coulson, who won with a score of 37/52; Brian Elliott was runner-up with 26. Well done to all!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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

RIP: Rory O'Neill

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
	Monday	20	1 Samuel 5; Ps 126 Luke 20.41-21.4
	Tuesday	21	9.00-10.00am 1 Samuel 6.1-16; Ps 132; Luke 21.5-19
	Wednesday	22	8.50-9.30am 1 Samuel 16.14-end; Ps 30; Luke 8.1-3
	Thursday	23	1 Samuel 8; Ps 143; Luke 21.29-end
	Friday	24	1 Samuel 9.1-14; Ps 144; Luke 22.1-13

## LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
	Monday	20	6.00-7.00pm Choir outdoor sectional, Member's home
			7.30-8.15pm Choir meeting, Zoom
	Tuesday	21	9.00-10.00am Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
	Wednesday	22	8.50-10.00am Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
	Monday	27	7.30-8.15pm Choir meeting, Zoom
	Tuesday	28	9.00-10.00am Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
	Wednesday	29	8.50-10.00am Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom

## CONTACTS

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