

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

23 JULY 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Nate
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Susan Lynn
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Sue Dunne, Hugh Miller
Reading	Brian Elliott
Prayers	Juliet Philip
Chalice	Geoff Walker
12.30pm	Baptism of Elyan Roberts and Stefan Matthew at Christ Church led by Stefan

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>How lovely are thy dwellings</i> (Noel Rawsthorne)
9.00am Sung Communion	
Hymns	288, 473, 321
10.30am Parish Communion	
Hymns	129, 288, 473, 321
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

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

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

Saturday 29 July - Deborah and I would like to invite you to Cream Teas at the Rectory between 3pm and 5pm. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church for an indication of numbers. Thank you.

8am Services - As is our tradition, these will not run during August. A warm welcome awaits you at the 9am services at St George's, West End.

Sunday 30 July - The 8am and 9am services will not run. The Prudential RideLondon cycle race is taking place on this Sunday so only the 10.30am service at Christ Church will run. For race information check the 'Info Hub' at www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk.

Chaplain and Youth Worker - We are pleased to announce, and thank God for answering our prayers, that David Whymark will become our new Chaplain and Youth Worker in September, subject to the normal checks and balances required and in process. More details will follow in due course, but we eagerly look forward to welcoming David and his family among us in the near future and may I encourage us to pray for them at this time.

Audio Visual Upgrade - Most of the work is now complete as you may see, save for testing and some important snagging items which will be resolved in the next couple of weeks. We seek help please from anyone who might be able to effect an appropriate solution for the opening and closing of the curtains in the South Aisle; please do speak to Hugh about this. We thank God for this provision, for the diligent and professional work of DM Music, and for Hugh expertly managing the project. We very much look forward to using the full system in earnest come Autumn.

Save the Date! - Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford, will be joining us and leading our 10.30am worship on 17 September 2017. Please do join us on this special occasion.

Parish Safeguarding Officer - The parish urgently seeks a volunteer to take on the important role of Safeguarding Officer to have special responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in the parish. At the same time, thanking Shelley Dolan for all her hard work in this role to date. Full training and support will be provided by the parish and the diocese, and the task is not unduly onerous. For details of the role and the responsibilities, please speak to Stefan or Melanie in the Parish Office.

Alpha Course - We will be running an evening Alpha Course - starting on Tuesday 12 September and continuing on Tuesdays for a total of ten weeks. This course will also serve as our adult confirmation classes for this year. For more information speak with Nate or Stefan and if interested please complete the registration form on the parish website - www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/alpha-course-0.

Ladies Drinks - Tuesday 12 September at the Rectory from 7pm. All welcome, assuming you are a lady! Sign-up sheets to appear closer to the time, but please save the date and/or email dpcollier@me.com

Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans - Save the day, Wednesday 11 October. All welcome.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Dr Margaret Williams, Rob McCulloch, Joyce Page, Jackie Hinton, Zak Gillard, Mary Teague, Peter Lindow, Carol Henderson

RIP Anniversaries: Rosemary Simmons, Edward de Haan, Christopher Tyrell, May Roberts, Annie Dixon, Doreen Coslett

RIP: Lisa Hall

Baptism: Elyan Roberts, Stefan Matthew

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.

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	24	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 10.1-19; Ps 126; 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1
Tuesday	25	9.00 - 9.30am	2 Kings 1.9-15; Ps 29; Luke 9.46-56
Wednesday	26	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 12.1-16; Ps 119.153-end; 2 Corinthians 8.1-15
Thursday	27	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 12.17-end; Ps 143; 2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5
Friday	28	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 13.1-16; Ps 144; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Thursday	27	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	29	3.00pm	Cream Teas, The Rectory
Sunday	30	All day	Prudential RideLondon cycle race
	August	Time	Event
Tuesday	1	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
Saturday	26	1.45pm	West End Village Show, West End
		2.00pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Geraldine Bekenn & David Nicholson

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise