

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

JAMES THE APOSTLE

25 JULY 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism Service at 10.30am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman
Reading	David Stark
Refreshments	Helen Coulson, Will Stevens
Musician	Ed Buxton

MUSIC

Opening Music	' <i>Liebster Jesu</i> ', BWV 731 (Bach)
Hymns	329, 641, 638
Anthem	<i>Ave verum</i> (Elgar)
Closing Music	<i>Fantasia in G</i> , BWV 572 (Bach)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of St James, the Galilean fisherman who, along with his sibling John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus. The two brothers were with him at the Transfiguration and in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other disciples by asking to sit one on Jesus's left and the other on his right when he came into his glory. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa in (it is believed) the year 44.

According to Church tradition, in 813 a bishop in the north-west of Spain found some bones in a cave which he took to be those of St James. Today those relics rest in the crypt of the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Over the years millions of pilgrims have travelled to the shrine, many making the journey on foot as part of *El Camino de Santiago* (The Way of St James). But just what is 'the Way'? John Pridmore writes:

'It is the way of Jesus made plain in the Gospels, the narrow way leading to life. The way of St James is the way of the cross. The world offers other paths. Those are forbidden to us by the word of Jesus, "It will not be so among you."' (The Word is very near you).

God bless,



READING 2 Corinthians 4.7-15

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture –'I believed, and so I spoke'– we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

GOSPEL Matthew 20.20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

HYMNS

Child of blessing, child of promise

1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
God's you are, from God you came.
In this sacrament God claims you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.

2 Child of God, you bear God's image;
learn to listen for God's call;
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

Glorious things of thee are spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

Give me joy in my heart

1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:

3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

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ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship.

A few things to remember:

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you. We'll follow the same Order almost every week, so do re-use it.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. 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.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we are still not in a position to offer refreshments, but chatting outside after the service is encouraged!
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

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A few things to remember:

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Every other pew will continue to be closed. However, please feel free to sit with friends if you wish.
- We will continue to keep a list of those in attendance. Please be assured that this information is held securely.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. 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.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- 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.
- 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.
- Refreshments will be served after the service. This will be outside, weather permitting.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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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 – Last week's concert featured Gabriella Jones on solo harp, with a programme including works by Scarlatti, Debussy, Rachmaninov and Liszt. This was the last concert of our current season. All 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 jandreweshes@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 Please let the Parish Office know if you're going to the events as it may be possible to share transport.

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 - Our Youth Group is taking a summer break. 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, Hugh Miller, Stewart Henderson

RIP Anniversaries: Sarah Tweedle, Lisa Hall, May Roberts, Annie Dixon, Doreen Coslett, Joseph Bertram, James Morrison, Rebecca Szepietowski, Anthony Pennie

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

Baptism: Callum Thomas Hurley

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	26		Ezekiel 28.1-19; Ps 30; James 2.1-13
Tuesday	27		Ezekiel 33.1-20; Ps 36; James 2.14-end
Wednesday	28		Ezekiel 33.21-end; Ps 34; James 3
Thursday	29		Ezekiel 34.1-16; Ps 37; James 4.1-12
Friday	30		Ezekiel 34.17-end; Ps 31; James 4.13-5.6

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
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
Saturday	31		Wedding of Annabel Thomas & Alexander Pickard, Christ Church
August		Time	Event
Sunday	1	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Wednesday	4	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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