

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

25 AUGUST 2019

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 our church communities. Please do take it home.

TODAY'S SERVICE

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Revd Sarb Klair
Reading & Prayers	Ann Willig
Chalice	Bridget Williams, Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Sarb Klair
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Peter Hardy, Susan Rawlins
Reading	Jennifer Meade
Prayers	Colin Martin
Chalice	Karen Harris, Geoff Walker
Refreshments	Sara Fraser, Jennifer Meade

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	810, 784, 690
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	810, 696, 784, 690
Setting	Addington
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING Isaiah 58.9b-end

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if

you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

PSALM 103.1-8

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits -
3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL Hebrews 12.18-end

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death. 'Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.')

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Sarb Klair for leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Interregnum Update from Andrew Cowie, Area Dean - Whilst we received some good applications for the post of Rector, the shortlisting panel did not think there was a sufficiently strong field to proceed to the interview stage. The post will be re-advertised in September. We understand this news is disappointing, but it is worth delaying so the right person to lead the church is appointed as Rector. Do please continue to pray for that person, and for the church during the interregnum.

8am Services at Christ Church - The next 8am service will be on Sunday 1 September.

Emily Oliver - A service of celebration for Emily is being organised by her parent's, Tim and Debi Oliver. It will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 14 September at 2.30pm and will be led by Andrew Cowie.

£950 - Many thanks to the kind person who left this donation in Christ Church recently.

Easyfundraising - Our Parish has an account with this website which enables money to be raised for our Parish via online shopping. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for the 'Parochial Church Council of Esher', open an account or login, choose the retailer you want to purchase from and the link will take you to the retailer's website then shop as normal. It's makes fundraising for the Parish very easy. Do have a go!

Cambridge beckons! - Congratulations to our parish organ scholar Nicholas Dibb-Fuller, who got his A level results this week and has achieved straight A* grades, thereby securing his place at Clare College Cambridge this autumn.

West End Village Show - A very big thank you to everybody who helped with the Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall and the Cake, Gift and Bread Stalls in St George's. Thank you also for all the donations to the book/CD/DVD stall. The Show was fabulous as always and our contribution, though a mammoth undertaking, was a big success! Well done to all. Thank you so much.

Choir - Christ Church choir is resting their vocal chords and will return to sing at services from Sunday 8 September.

Noah's Ark - Noah's Ark, is on holiday and will return on Sunday 8 September.

Voyagers & Pioneers - The youth groups will return next month at Esher Church School - Pioneers on Sunday 8 September and Voyagers on Sunday 15 September.

London-Brighton Cycle Ride - Our Director of Music Stuart Whatton will be part of the London Cycling Campaign team doing the official London-Brighton Cycle Ride on Sunday 15 September. (This is the 50th anniversary of his moving to his childhood home in Brighton.) Stuart may be tapping you up for some sponsorship support between now and mid-September, raising money for sustainable transport causes!

Buttons & Bows Charity Cream Teas - On Monday 30 September, 1.15pm-4.30pm, Buttons & Bows are holding a charity cream teas afternoon in the West End Sports & Social Club. All proceeds will be donated to Crohn's & Colitis UK, the leading charity in the battle against crohn's and colitis and other forms of inflammatory bowel disease. As well as cream teas there will be coffee and cake and a grand raffle.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Viola Mason, Diana Johns

RIP anniversaries: Irene Coulson, Richard Coulson, Victoria Cobb, Ivy Fairhead, Tim Walter, Felix Palmer, Sidney Fairhead, John Meek, Jennifer McKerracher, Roger Simmons

RIP: John Hammond

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below. All are welcome to use Christ Church for daily prayer.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	26		Jeremiah 41; Ps 71; Mark 2.23-3.6
Tuesday	27		Jeremiah 42; Ps 73; Mark 3.7-19a
Wednesday	28		Jeremiah 43; Ps 77; Mark 3.19b-end
Thursday	29		Jeremiah 44.1-14; Ps 78.1-39; Mark 4.1-20
Friday	30		Jeremiah 44.15-end; Ps 55; Mark 4.21-34

PARISH CALENDAR

August		Time	Event
Monday	26	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
Wednesday	28	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
September		Time	Event
Sunday	1	8.00am	8am Holy Communion, Christ Church 9am Sung Communion, St George's 10.30am All Age Service, Christ Church
Wednesday	4	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Friday	6	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	7	1.30pm	Wedding: Carly Perry & James Houselander
Sunday	8	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	9	7.15pm	Choir practice resumes
Tuesday	10	2.30pm	Communion Service, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	11	2.30pm	Communion Service, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise