

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

29 AUGUST 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman, Janie McCulloch
Reading	Brian Elliott
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Will Stevens
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Tom Doolan, Annabelle Doolan

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Consolation in E</i> (Liszt)
Hymns	649, 452, 765
Closing Music	<i>Allegro from Concerto in G, BWV 592</i> (Bach/Ernst)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
you search us and know us: may we rely
on you in strength and rest on you
in weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today's Gospel reading, where Jesus declared all foods clean raises the question of Jesus's attitude towards Jewish laws and customs. Did Jesus set aside the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) and all its rules for living? Biblical scholar Tom Wright says 'Yes and No' as he makes the point that in Jesus, God's covenant with the children of Israel is brought to a new place. As Wright puts it: 'When you arrive at the destination you don't need the signposts any more, not because they were worthless but precisely because they were correct.' This understanding reminds us that the task of interpreting scripture is an on-going challenge for the Church.

'Learning to read the Old Testament this way wasn't easy in the early Church, and it isn't easy today. The starting point is to realise that the Jewish scriptures aren't to be seen as a timeless code of behaviour, but as the story that leads to Jesus ... When things are set aside, as the purity laws are here, it's not because they are irrelevant but because the deeper truth to which they pointed has now arrived. Everything the scriptures were getting at reached a peak in Jesus Christ and from now on everything is different. Figuring out that difference, and still remaining loyal to scripture, is one of the key arts of being a Christian, then and now.' (Mark for Everyone).

God bless,



READING James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

HYMNS

God of mercy, God of grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture —
in the body and the blood —
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

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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.

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- 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

Afghan Refugees - The Home Office has asked the Church of England to help in the search for accommodation for Afghans who are seeking asylum in this country. Most of these people worked for the UK government which is the primary reason for their needing to flee. If you feel you might be able to help please contact the Diocese of Guildford Asylum Seeker Adviser, The Revd Diane Peters, at diane.peters@cofeguildford.org.uk

Rector - Darren will be away from 2 to 6 September. Contact details for other clergy and parish officers are on the parish website.

Music on the Green - Our next concert will be on Wednesday 15 September at 1.15pm and will feature the Diphonon Duo, Michael Iskas on viola and Iñigo Mikeleiz-Berrade on accordion. We very much hope to offer light refreshments. The concert will also be live-streamed 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 session the group will be reading 'Fate & Faith', a novel by our very own William Wood in which he explores tragedy, love, comradeship and common humanity during the Second World War. For more information contact Jonathan Andrew via 01372 479776/jandrewesh@gmail.com.

'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer - The Group meets at 9am on Tuesday mornings. Contact the Parish Office for Zoom details.

Esher Church School - Would you like some community involvement with your local church school? ECS is looking for a trustee with a background linked to health and safety management or facilities management. This voluntary role would involve a termly visit to school, a follow-up report and termly attendance at governing body meetings. If you're interested, please contact the Rector.

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. The 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 guests can be invited and questions about life and faith can be put to the Archbishop 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 as it may be possible to share cars.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues at 9am every Wednesday. Please ask the Parish Office for details.

HELP!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR THE
PARISH OF ESHER
OPEN EVENT**

**Saturday & Sunday
11 & 12 September 2021
12 noon to 5pm**

Over this weekend in September we will be opening our doors to one and all. This coincides with the delayed Esher May Fair on Sunday 12 September and gives us an opportunity to welcome Darren properly and introduce him to our wider community.

We plan to provide entertainment across two afternoons with accompanying tea and cakes – so donations of scones, cakes and biscuits will be most welcome.

To make this event a success, we need as many volunteers as possible to help us set up, bake cakes, serve refreshments and welcome visitors to our church.

To volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheets at the back of the church, speak to the duty churchwarden or sidespeople or sign up using our online Doodle poll (https://doodle.com/poll/rqe42upqqx6bn7vm?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link).

**Thank you in advance for your help
– let's make this a real team effort!**

WELCOME
WEEKEND



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Jaeseok Yang, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Hugh Miller, Stewart Henderson, Graham Woolgar

RIP Anniversaries: Sidney Fairhead, John Meek, Jennifer McKerracher, Roger Simmons, David MacDonald, David Melliar-Smith, Gerald Creagh-Brown

RIP: Helen Mary Sketch, Viola Mason

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August/Sept		Time	Reading
Monday	30		Proverbs 25.1-14; Ps 126; Mark 8.11-21
Tuesday	31	9.00-10.00am	Proverbs 25.15-end; Ps 132; John 8.22-26
Wednesday	1	9.00-10.00am	Proverbs 26.12-end; Ps 119.153-end; Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday	2		Proverbs 27.1-22; Ps 143; Mark 9.2-13
Friday	3		Proverbs 30.1-9, 24-31; Ps 144; Mark 9.14-29

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Sunday	29	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Tuesday	31	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
September		Time	Event
Wednesday	1	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	2	All day	Parish Office closed (Aug 26 to Sept 5 inclusive)
		Midday	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service, Christ Church
Sunday	5	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	6	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	7	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
		4.30pm	Book Group, Christ Church

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