

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

BIBLE SUNDAY

29 OCTOBER 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 Stefan
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan and Rebecca Warner
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Margaret Dane, Hugh Miller
Reading	Hugh Miller
Prayers	Alex Sladen
Chalice	Sue Dunne

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Exultate justi</i> (Viadana)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	564, 133, 473, 171
Organist	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

READING Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum,

Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

PSALM 119.9-16

9 How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

GOSPEL Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

PARISH NOTICES

All Souls Service - This year the All Souls Service at Christ Church will take place on Sunday 5 November at 3.30pm. There is a list in church for you to add names of loved ones to be remembered in the service.

I:Tea+Coffee Club - As part of our vision to deliver community engagement projects, we are creating space for connecting conversations with a short introductory iPad lesson. We hope this club will be helpful to older members of our community. The club will run for 10 weeks continuing on Wednesday 1 November, 10.00-11.30am, at Christ Church.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 12 November, is Remembrance Sunday. The services at Christ Church at 8am and at St George's at 9am will take place as normal. The 10.30am service at Christ Church becomes the Remembrance Sunday service. The service will start with a short act of remembrance at the war memorial on Esher Green opposite the church at 10.45am, not 10.30am, followed by the service in the church.

Electoral Roll - The parish electoral roll is the register of its voting members. It provides an indication of the real membership and strength of the parish. Enrolment is a way of saying..... 'I belong'. For us it shows commitment to the Parish of Esher and the Church as a whole. It opens the way for greater involvement in the life of our parish. Those on the electoral roll are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the Parochial Church Council is elected. If you wish to know more or require an application form please contact the churchwardens or the parish office.

PeerTalk - Interested in mental wellbeing and a good listener? PeerTalk, a Methodist Church charity, is looking for volunteers to help run a new peer support group for people living with depression and mental health conditions in Guildford. Training day is on Saturday 4 November at The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford, GU2 7XZ, 10am-4pm. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk or email admin@peertalk.org.uk.

Toddlers' Praise - Toddlers' Praise will continue on Tuesday 31 October.

Parish Christmas Lunch - The Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday 10 December at 12.30pm at the Bear. Two course menu, filter coffee and gratuity. Price £25 per person. Space is limited to 40 guests. All welcome. If interested please contact the Parish Office.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton

RIP Anniversaries: Patrick Townend, Peter Knight, Richard Lindow, Susan Coulson, Irene Codd, Reeve Lynn, June Steeden, Richard Gregory

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.

Oct/Nov	Time	Reading
Monday 30	9.00 - 9.30am	2 Maccabees 4.7-17; Ps 126; John 15.1-11
Tuesday 31	9.00 - 9.30am	2 Maccabees 6.12-end; Ps 132; John 15.12-17
Wednesday 1	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 5.1-16; Ps 112; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12
Thursday 2	9.00 - 9.30am	2 Maccabees 7.20-41; Ps 143; John 16.1-15
Friday 3	9.00 - 9.30am	Tobit 1; Ps 144; John 16.16-22

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Tuesday 31		10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
November		Time	Event
Wednesday 1		10.00am	l:Tea+Coffee Club
Thursday 2		Midday	Wedding
Sunday 5		3.30pm	All Souls Service
Tuesday 7		10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday 8		10.00am	l:Tea+Coffee Club
Thursday 9		10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday 12		10.45am	Remembrance Civic Service
		6.00pm	Youth Group, Esher Church School
Tuesday 14		10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise