

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

30 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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed, make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate and Stefan
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Will Stevens, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Colin Martin
Prayers	Nevin Truesdale
Chalice	Will Stevens
MUSIC	
Anthem	<i>Panis angelicus</i> (Franck)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	393, 63, 295, 565
Organists	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

READING 1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and

have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

PSALM 119.129-136

129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

131 With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom towards those who love your name.

133 Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

PARISH NOTICES

Parochial Church Council Awayday - The PCC had a very successful and productive day on Saturday 22 July. Thank you to everyone for attending, for giving up their time and for contributing so positively and creatively. It is greatly appreciated by all. Full details of the Awayday will be communicated during September.

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 and essential snagging has been completed with some testing and training to follow. We thank God for the diligent and professional work of DM Music, for Darren Thayne's skillful help with the electrics and for Hugh Miller for 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 - We are pleased to announce that Fiona Owen has kindly volunteered to become our new Parish Safeguarding Officer. Thank you Fiona.

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 Coffee Morning & Ladies Drinks Night - Due to a clash (whoops!) the Ladies Drinks Night will move to Monday 11 September from 7.30pm. In addition there will be a Coffee Morning, same day, from 10am to midday. You are very welcome to attend one or both (with the usual lady proviso, sorry gentlemen)! Please email your RSVP (dpcollier@me.com) or sign up in church. Thanks!

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: James Morrison, Rebecca Szeptietowski, Anthony Pennie

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/August		Time	Reading
Monday	31	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 14.12-end; Ps 1; 2 Corinthians 11.1-15
Tuesday	1	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 18.1-20; Ps 5; 2 Corinthians 11.16-end
Wednesday	2	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 18.21-32; Ps 119.1-32; 2 Corinthians 12
Thursday	3	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 20.1-20; Ps 15; 2 Corinthians 13
Friday	4		Ezekiel 20.21-38; Ps 19; James 1.1-11

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Tuesday	1	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
Monday	7	All day	Parish Office closed (7-11 August)
Saturday	26	1.45pm	West End Village Show, West End
		2.00pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Geraldine Bekenn & David Nicholson
September		Time	Event
Tuesday	5	9.30am	Esher High School Year 7 Welcome Service
Wednesday	6	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services
Saturday	9	All day	Surrey Churches Ride+Stride
Monday	11	10.00am	Ladies Coffee Morning, The Rectory
		7.30pm	Ladies Drinks Night, The Rectory
Tuesday	12	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Sunday	17	10.30am	Bishop Andrew leading our worship
Tuesday	19	7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday	20	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Victoria Puttock, saxophone & Karen Kingsley, piano
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting
Friday	22	1.30pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Nicola Foley & David Semple

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise