

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7 OCTOBER 2018

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

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion at Christ Church led by William Allberry |
| 9.00am | Harvest Service at St George's led by David |
| Reading & Prayers | Stephen Lee |
| Chalice | Bridget Williams |
| 10.30am | All Age Harvest Service at Esher Church School led by Dave Whymark and Rebecca Warner |
| Churchwarden | Sandra Argent |
| Sides | Sue Dunne, Denise Howells, Caroline McDade |
| Reading | Dave Whymark |
| Prayers | Fiona Owen |

MUSIC

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| 9.00am | Harvest Service |
| Hymns | 282, 285, 290 |
| 10.30am | All Age Harvest Service |
| Hymns | Care for your world Harvest time is here again We plough the fields and scatter |
| Organist Pianist | Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton |

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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 Mark 12.41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

PARISH NOTICES

Our Harvest Services - Any food donations from our Harvest services at St George's and Esher Church School will be given to our local East Elmbridge Foodbank. We are also, through the collection, raising funds for Tearfund's Hunger Steals campaign. A big thank you to Esher Church School for hosting our 10.30am service and worshipping with us.

Visiting preacher - The Right Revd Martin Wharton CBE, previously Bishop of Kingston and Bishop of Newcastle, will be leading our services on Sunday 14 October.

Interregnum - The Parish of Esher is in a temporary period of being without a Rector, known as an Interregnum ('between reigns') or a Vacancy. The legal responsibility for the parish rests with the churchwardens, Sandra Argent and Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, and supported by the PCC. We will follow a process laid down by the Church of England to find and choose a new Rector. We will fully engage the parish, we will keep you informed of progress and will seek your views, feedback and opinions as and when appropriate.

Attendance Count - During October you will notice more rigorous counting of adults and children across all services. Attendance data is a measure of our community health and is submitted to the Church of England to guide resource allocation. Please don't be concerned.

The London Klezmer Quartet - Music on the Green is pleased to announce an evening concert on Saturday 20 October, 7pm for 7.30pm, featuring the London Klezmer Quartet: a dynamic group of performers whose deep understanding of klezmer - the celebratory and soulful music of Eastern European Jews - is reflected in exuberant, passionate and accomplished performances that captivate audiences of all ages and backgrounds, moving them from toe-tapping to tears and back again in moments. Interval refreshments will be provided. Admission by programme £12, children half price.

Morning Prayer & Sunday Morning Prayer - Fiona Owen is leading midweek morning prayer on a part time basis - check pewsheets and website for exact days. Fiona will also run morning prayer at 8am on Sunday 14 October. Thank you.

All Souls Service - This year's All Souls Service at Christ Church will be led by David Gerrard and will take place on Sunday 4 November at 3.30pm. There will be a list in Christ Church soon for you to add names of loved ones to be remembered in the service.

Photography event and free lunch! - Hope Gardens, a small local based Christian charity, is holding a 'family friendly' photography exhibition and lunch on the Sunday 7 October at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate at 12.30pm. All Christ Church families and friends are most welcome. Please email Sherry at info@hopegardensindia.org if you plan to attend.

Interested in the Environment - Guildford Diocese is becoming an eco diocese and Bishop Andrew is keen for churches to apply to 'A Rocha' to become an eco church. St Andrew's, Cobham, has invited 'A Rocha' to talk about the work they do to protect God's creation. The talk will take place on Thursday 1 November, 7pm for 7.30pm, at Church Gate House, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham, KT11 3EJ. To help with numbers, please let them know on 01932 867883 or parishoffice@standrewscobham.org.uk if you plan to attend.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton, Shirley Marshall, Sheila Wilson, Yasmin Ingram, Betty Walker, Margaret Williams

RIP Anniversaries: Dorothy Ward, Gladys Thomas

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 attend daily prayer at Christ Church.

| October | | Time | Reading |
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| Monday | 8 | | 2 Kings 17.24-end; Ps 98; Philippians 1.1-11 |
| Tuesday | 9 | | 2 Kings 18.1-12; Ps 106; Philippians 1.12-end |
| Wednesday | 10 | | 2 Kings 18.13-end; Ps 111; Philippians 2.1-13 |
| Thursday | 11 | | 2 Kings 19.1-19; Ps 115; Philippians 2.14-end |
| Friday | 12 | | 2 Kings 19.20-36; Ps 139; Philippians 3.1-4.1 |

LOOKING AHEAD

| October | | Time | Event |
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| Sunday | 7 | 5.30pm | Pioneers, Esher Church School |
| Tuesday | 9 | 8.00pm | St George's West End Committee Meeting, Member's home |
| Thursday | 11 | 10.00am | Fellowship Group |
| Sunday | 14 | 5.30pm | Voyagers, Esher Church School |
| Wednesday | 17 | 12.30pm | Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Nicola Hands (oboe), Jonathan Pease (piano) |
| Saturday | 20 | 7.00pm | Music on the Green evening concert: The London Klezmer Quartet |
| Wednesday | 24 | 7.00pm | Fabric Committee Meeting |
| Thursday | 25 | 10.00am | Fellowship Group |
| Sunday | 28 | 5.30pm | Pioneers, Esher Church School |
| November | | Time | Event |
| Sunday | 4 | 3.30pm | All Soul's Service |
| | | 5.30pm | Voyagers, Esher Church School |

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise