

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

7 NOVEMBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	All Age Eucharist at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading & Prayers	Esher Church School pupils
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Will Stevens

MUSIC

Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton
Opening music	<i>Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn</i> (Buxtehude)
Christ Church hymns	450, 494, 669
Setting	Coulson
Communion music	<i>Adagio from Fantasia in F minor, K.594</i> (Mozart)
Closing music	<i>Fugue in C minor</i> (Mendelssohn)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today's Gospel (Mark 1.14-20) – the calling of Simon (Peter) and Andrew, as well as James and John (the sons of Zebedee) – is striking in several respects. Firstly, we are told that the two sets of brothers follow Jesus 'immediately', apparently with no preliminaries and with no questions asked. Secondly, the siblings leave their presumably reasonably successful occupations to walk with Christ. There is no suggestion of how they will be provided for in the future, and no promise of 'upward mobility'. Thirdly, the sons leave their families – a radical move in any society, but a particularly bold decision in the first century. And while Christ's call to each specific person is as individual as we are, theologian Troy A. Miller notes that 'Jesus's call to radical obedience has not changed over these many years; the demands have not been reduced.' He goes on:

'Jesus waits not for persons to apply to him in hopes of learning under him, as many young Jewish males would have done for their rabbinic education. Instead rabbi Jesus is the one who seeks out followers, learners, apprentices who do not have to qualify for such a relationship, save the willingness to lay down everything else. What a call!

What a mission! What a Saviour!'

(Feasting on the Word)

God bless,



READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. 'So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

PSALM 62.5-end

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God rests my deliverance and
my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge
is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him; God is
a refuge for us. *Selah*

9 Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are
together lighter than a breath.

10 Put no confidence in extortion, and
set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches
increase, do not set your heart on them.

11 Once God has spoken; twice have I
heard this: that power belongs to God,

12 and steadfast love belongs to you,
O Lord. For you repay to all according
to their work.

GOSPEL Mark 1.14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

We are very happy to have Christ Church and Saint George's West End open again for in-person public worship. Christ Church will also open for private prayer most Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm.

Communion

In line with Church of England guidance those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion can use this prayer.

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Amen. after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line 24 hours a day. A Church of England initiative (in partnership with Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life).

Help & the Parish Office

The office is now manned however if you do need any help please make contact via the office email and telephone initially. For all urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (01372 461088 or rector@esherparish.org.uk) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Jane Tyrrell on 07971 698299. Many thanks.

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- We encourage you, please – if you have the NHS app – to scan the QR code on arrival at church.
- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Unless you are seated in the designated socially-distanced zone (the front-middle section of the church where every other pew is marked off with red ribbons) there is no need to wear a face covering. Though, of course, please wear one if you wish.
- For those seated in the designated socially-distanced zone, please bear in mind that there are some exemptions to mask wearing: 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' please use the prayer opposite.
- Refreshments will be served afterwards. 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.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you!

PARISH NOTICES

Remembrance Sunday - There will be two services in the parish: a 9am Service of Holy Communion in St George's West End and a Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church immediately after the Act of Remembrance on Esher Green at 10.50am.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - If you haven't already obtained your poppy we will have a poppy box and collecting tin in Christ Church for the next week or so.

All Souls Service - Thank you to everyone who helped to make this service so perfect. We've had several 'thank yous' from visiting families expressing their thanks for being invited to the service and saying how beautiful it was. One niece said "The music and prayers were so thoughtfully chosen and moving. It was a great comfort, and my mother wanted also to pass on her thanks."

Friends Update - Our next Coffee Morning will take place at St George's in West End on Wednesday 10 November at 10.30am. Friends and guests are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cake, company and a chat!

Christmas Shoeboxes - 'Link to Hope' is a Christian charity that believes 'in distributing love to those in need regardless of colour, creed, background or religion.' Every year they organise a shoe box appeal for those living in desperately difficult circumstances in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine. You can help by filling a shoe box full of gifts and useful items for a family or an elderly person. We are launching the appeal today. For more information please check out the Link to Hope website: linktohope.co.uk

Music on the Green - The Mera Horn Trio (horn, violin & piano) will entertain us on Wednesday 7 November at 1.15pm. A light lunch will be served at 12.30pm. It is free to watch on our MOTG YouTube channel.

Growing Together - If you haven't already done so, please pick up a copy of the 'Growing Together in Faith, Hope & Love' leaflet from the table at the back of the church. It outlines some of the amazing things that have been happening in the parish in the past 18 months, as well as some of the plans we have for the future. This 'stewardship season' continues until Sunday 21 November. If you can give a new, or increase an existing financial gift to the parish, thank you. If at this moment you cannot, thank you for considering it. If you can give more time through volunteering in particular ways, thank you. Every contribution is needed, gratefully received and truly valued.

Parish Choir - For Covid safety reasons and to be cautious, we have regretfully decided to stand down the entire parish choir for 10 days, so they will not be leading our service this morning, but will hopefully be back for Remembrance Sunday. We shall thus rely on your congregational singing to be even heartier than usual today!

Book Group - All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 9 November at 8pm in Christ Church to discuss the novel *Fate & Faith* with its author, our own Will Wood. Contact Jonathan Andrew for more information on 01372 479776 or jandrewsher@gmail.com.

Fellowship - We are pleased to confirm the Fellowship Group is meeting in Christ Church on Wednesday 10 November at 11am

'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Morning Prayer - Both groups continue this Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am as normal.

Christmas cards - Our new St George's cards, designed by Alice Coulson, are £5 for a pack of 10. Order/buy in Christ Church today or from St Georges. Our Parish cards feature seasonal images in a mixed pack of 12 cards for £8. Buy today or from the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Hugh Miller, Stewart Henderson, Graham Woolgar, John Treneman, Gilly Barrett, David Gerrard

RIP Anniversaries: Raymond Scott, Sheila Eeles, Kenneth Bloore, Jane Marsh, Harley Barnes

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	8		Isaiah 5.8-24; Ps 20; Matthew 4.23-5.12
Tuesday	9	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 5.25-end; Ps 48; Matthew 5.13-20
Wednesday	10	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 6; Ps 23; Matthew 5.21-37
Thursday	11		Isaiah 7.1-17; Ps 26; Matthew 5.38-end
Friday	12		Isaiah 8.1-15; Ps 32; Matthew 6.1-18

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	7	10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
Monday	8	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	9	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	10	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		10.30- 11.30am	Friends 'Come for Coffee' morning, St George's
		7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	11	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	14	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance, Esher Green
		11.15am	Service of Remembrance, Christ Church
Monday	15	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	17	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		12.30pm	Music on the Green concert: Mera Horn Trio
		7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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