

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9 SEPTEMBER 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

8.00am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church led by Fiona
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Revd Canon Barry Nicholls
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Clare Craigmile or Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Canon Barry Nicholls
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Colin Martin
Prayers	Juliet Philip
Chalice	Will Stevens, David Stark
12.30pm	Baptism of Matilda Merrick and Kaia Adam at St George's led by David

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Ave Verum</i> (Mozart)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	619 (omit v 4,5), 799, 710 (omit v 4,5)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	619, 799, 621, 710
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READING James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the

law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

PSALM 146

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL Mark 7.24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Canon Barry Nicholls, for visiting us today and leading our services. It was a joy to worship with you.

Visiting Preacher - On Sunday 16 September our visiting preacher will be the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Venerable Paul Bryer.

Interregnum - Once Stefan is installed in Christleton on Thursday 13 September, we, the Parish of Esher, will officially go into a temporary period of being without a Rector, known as an Interregnum ('between reigns') or a Vacancy. The legal responsibility for the parish will rest with the churchwardens, Sandra Argent and Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, in conjunction with the remaining ministers 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 in this process, will keep you informed of progress and will seek your views, feedback and opinions as and when appropriate.

Pet Service - Do bring your pets to this popular service at St George's, West End on Sunday 16 September at 4pm. This year it will be led by Revd Helen Kempster who many of you know from her time leading services in the Parish. It is a short and enjoyable service to celebrate and give thanks for our pets. All animals are welcome - the more the merrier!

West End Village Fair - We raised a grand total of £1,135 from the Bread & Cake Stall in St George's. A fabulous result. Afternoon Teas update to follow. An especial thank you to Peter & Naomi Bedford who led our efforts and to those who supported. Thank you.

New Roof at St George's - We are pleased to say that St George's is now looking resplendent with its brand new roof. Thanks to Hugh Miller for leading this and the guttering repair at Christ Church.

Buttons & Bows Charity Coffee Morning - On Saturday 15 September, 10am-1pm, in West End Village Hall in aid of Canine Partners, a charity providing life changing dogs to assist with practical everyday help.

Voyagers & Pioneers - The first Pioneers of the year will be this afternoon at Esher Church School, 5.30-7pm. If interested please email Kate Roux at kateroux@mac.com

Morning Prayer - Fiona Owen is leading midweek morning prayer on a part time basis. Please check pewsheets and website for exact days. Fiona will also run morning prayer on some Sundays at 8am to give everyone a chance to come together more than once a month at 8am on Sundays, initially today, 23 September and 14 October. Thank you.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome Aeris Brass, a quartet of talented trombonists, to Christ Church on Wednesday 19 September. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton

RIP Anniversaries: Michael Whitney, Alan Parry, Brian Flynn

Baptisms: Matilda Merrick, Kaia Adam

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.

September		Time	Reading
Monday	10	9.00-9.30am	1 Kings 8.31-62; Ps 30; Acts 16.6-24
Tuesday	11	9.00-9.30am	1 Kings 8.63-9.9; Ps 36; Acts 16.25-end
Wednesday	12		1 Kings 10.1-25; Ps 34; Acts 17.1-15
Thursday	13		1 Kings 11.1-13; Ps 37; Acts 17.16-end
Friday	14		Genesis 3.1-15; Ps 8; John 12.27-36

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	9	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	10	7.15pm	Choir practices resume
Tuesday	11	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	12	2.00pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Esher Bellringers Annual General Meeting, Christ Church
Sunday	16	4.00pm	Pet Service, St George's
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	18	8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	19	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Aeris Brass
Sunday	23	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Thursday	27	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	30	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise