

# 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 OF EASTER

13 MAY 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

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Nate and Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Ann Willig
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Sue Dunne, Hugh Miller, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Simon Donnan
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Sue Dunne

## MUSIC

Anthem	Above all praise ( <i>Mendelssohn</i> )
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	223, 232, 227
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	754, 579, 223, 227
Organists	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## READING Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## PSALM 1

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.  
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.  
4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

## GOSPEL John 17.6-19

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that

they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

*May we encourage you to pray, please.*

- thanksgiving for our children who undertook youth alpha and are engaging with our youth group
- for the development of vocations in our parish; thanksgiving for Fiona as she begins her Reader training; for those attending the Servant Course in June
- for people with a passion and vision for engaging with our community in the week
- for the leadership of the church; wisdom, discernment, courage and passion to lead the community in joining in with God's mission in Esher; for Becky, John and William who are joining the PCC
- for the spiritual and numerical growth of our two church communities
- for the governors of our two church schools; for the head teachers Cathy and Mike; for Dave our chaplain
- for the development of small, relevant groups in our parish and an associated culture that will help make disciples of Jesus Christ; for those who will attend the Bible Course this Summer
- for the development of a communities prayer life

## PARISH NOTICES

**1034 (Surbiton & Esher) Squadron, Air Training Corps** - It is our delight to welcome 1034 (Surbiton & Esher) Squadron, Air Training Corps to our Parish Communion this morning.

**Nate is moving on** - Subject to the Bishop's approval, Nate is to become the Assistant Vicar of St. Mary's, East Molesey. It is anticipated that Sunday 24 June will be Nate's last services in the parish. We rejoice in this good news, for the manifold ways in which Nate, Mary and their family have enriched the life of our community, and we pray for them at this time of transition; knowing they will be a tremendous blessing to St. Mary's. More details will be forthcoming as we have them.

**The Bible Course** - New to the bible or want to go deeper? The eight session Bible Course is for you. It will begin on Tuesday 5 June, 7.30-9pm at Christ Church, and will continue every Tuesday until Tuesday 24 July. The course will show how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. Register at <https://www.eshersparish.org.uk/?q=content/bible-course>.

**Apologetics Sermon Series** - Throughout June and July we will be undertaking a nine week sermon series on Apologetics. Exploring questions such as - Is there a God? Why does God allow pain and suffering? Who is Jesus? Is Christianity the only faith? Is there a conflict between science and religion? Please pick up a flyer and see the website for more details.

**Royal Wedding** - You are invited to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry to Ms. Meghan Markle at Christ Church on the 'Big Screen' on Saturday 19 May from 11am. Come and join us for a truly British family celebration. Suggested donation of £2.50 on the door, children free. Please RSVP and sign up, email [rebecca.warner@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.warner@gmail.com) or contact the office.

**Esher May Fair** - Sunday 20 May is the day of the Esher May Fair and we will be opening up Christ Church as usual to sell tea, coffee and cakes and hope to host other activities too!! We are looking for willing volunteers to help on the day but also need people to bake cakes. If anybody can help please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office.

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** - Many of you have received an email/letter about GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May. Please action as soon as possible. If you wish the parish to communicate with you do complete the secure form on our website. Without your consent we cannot communicate with you after 25 May. Thank you.

**Music on the Green lunchtime concert** - Do join us on Wednesday 16 May at 12.30pm when we will be welcoming Tormead School. It's free! Any help with catering very welcome.

**Thy Kingdom Come Festival of Prayer** - On Sunday 20 May, 4pm-8pm. Guildford Cathedral will be transformed into a beacon of prayer and worship including Taize Worship at 4pm, Prayer Stations/Messy Church at 5pm and Contemporary Worship at 5pm. Please register on the events page on [www.cofeguildford.org.uk](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk).

**Picnic on the Green** - Please come and join in the fun with organised arts/crafts, games, multi-sports and football at Lower Green, Esher, on Wednesday 30 May, Noon - 2pm. Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy an afternoon of family fun.

***Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.***

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

**RIP Anniversaries:** Peggy Notley, Jimmy McKay, David Fermont, Madeline Bamber, Elizabeth Allen, Darlene Rennie, John Tanqueray

## 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.*

	May	Time	Reading
Monday	14	9.00-9.30am	1 Samuel 2.27-35; Ps 16; Acts 2.37-end
Tuesday	15	9.00-9.30am	Numbers 22.36-23.12; Ps 99; Luke 8.1-15
Wednesday	16	9.00-9.30am	Numbers 23.13-end; Ps 29; Luke 8.16-25
Thursday	17	9.00-9.30am	Numbers 24; Ps 24; Luke 8.26-39
Friday	18		Numbers 27.12-end; Ps 28; Luke 8.40-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
Sunday	13	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	14	1.30pm	Wedding: Elizabeth Williams & James Sole
Tuesday	15	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	16	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Tormead School Showcase
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Saturday	19	11.00am	The Royal Wedding on the Big Screen, Christ Church
Sunday	20	12.30pm	Christ Church at the Esher May Fair
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	22	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Thursday	24	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Monday	28	All day	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home

## CONTACTS

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***All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise***