

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 OCTOBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Harriet McCann
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Kath Chapman
Reading & Prayers	Brian Elliott & Helen Coulson
Musician	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
Refreshments	Sara Fraser, Helen Coulson
Christ Church	Pet Service at 4.00pm led by Revd Darren McCallig

MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Andante religioso from Sonata no. 5</i> (Mendelssohn)
St George's hymns	709, 748 (omit v2), 827
Christ Church hymns	709, 748, 827
Anthem	<i>O for a closer walk with God</i> (Stanford)
Closing music	<i>Presto from Concerto in G, BWV 592</i> (Bach/Ernst)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may see your
goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance: let these
holy mysteries open the eyes of our
understanding that we may know the way
of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

The final verse of today's Gospel is easily misunderstood. To speak of Jesus giving his life 'as a ransom for many' is not simply to speak of Jesus as the ransom for our sins.

After all, the Greek word translated as 'ransom' (*lutron*) is used in the Bible not in the context of payment for sin, but to refer to payment made to liberate captives (often from captivity in war) or slaves (often from debt slavery). A *lutron* is a means of liberation from bondage. Biblical scholar Marcus Borg explains:

'The context of the passage in Mark supports this reading. The preceding verses are a critique of the domination system: the rulers of the nations lord it over their subjects, and their great ones are tyrants (10:42). "It is not so among you," Jesus says, and then uses his own path as an illustration. In contrast to the rulers of this world, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a *Lutron* – a means of liberation – for many." (The Last Week)

This, then, is the heart of the Gospel – the promise of freedom from *all* that enslaves and holds us captive.

God bless,



READING Hebrews 5.1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSEL Mark 10.35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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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

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ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship.

A few things to remember:

- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. Exemptions are: 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.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

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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.

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PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Thanksgiving - Thanks to all the generous Harvest donations the Foodbank collected a stupendous 34 bags and boxes. It is still possible to give financially at <https://eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk/2021/09/22/harvest-with-east-elmbridge-food-bank/>. Thank you.

'Blessing our Pets' Service - We are very pleased to be holding our Pet Service at Christ Church this afternoon at 4pm. Let's thank God for our pets and all creatures great and small and fill the church with fun!

All Souls - Sunday 31 October is the Sunday nearest to All Souls' Day (2 November), a day traditionally set apart a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer.

And so, at Christ Church, there will be a service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Sunday afternoon at 4pm. It'll be a quiet, thoughtful and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. There will also be an opportunity to pray for those who have passed away, naming them as we do so, and lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered, please add their names to the lists in both churches.

Roger McGough & Stewart Henderson - The two premier, (dare we say venerable?), Liverpool poets read from their respective collections - *Safety In Numbers* and *Especially, now...* at Surbiton's cornerHOUSE Theatre on Friday 26 November at 7.30pm. Buy tickets, £17.50, early to avoid disappointment from: <https://www.thecornerhouse.org/events/roger-mcough-and-stewart-henderson/>.

Parish Christmas Lunch - The Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday 12 December at 12.30pm at the Bear in Esher. Two course menu, coffee, tea and gratuity. Price £28 per person. Limited to 40 guests. Please confirm attendance by Friday 3 December.

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.

Friends Update - Our next Coffee Morning will take place at Christ Church in Esher on Wednesday 27 October at 10.30am. Friends and guests are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cake, company and a natter!

Book Group - The group will next meet on Tuesday 9 November at 8pm in Christ Church when they'll have the opportunity to discuss *Fate & Faith* with its author, our own Will Wood. Contact Jonathan Andrew for a free copy at jandrewesher@gmail.com/01372 479776.

Music on the Green - Our next lunchtime concert on Wednesday 20 October, 1.15pm, features Clare Howick on violin and John Paul Ekins on piano. They will perform Elgar's Violin Sonata and some musical bons bons.

The Nutcracker - The Everyman Cinema in Esher is showing a live screening of the ballet (<https://www.everymancinema.com/Esher/events>) from the Royal Opera House at 7pm on Thursday 9 December. Andrea and Bridget have booked seats (G21 & G22) and would love to have more Parish friends join them.

Citizens Advice Bureau - The Esher office is holding an in-person free Financial Advice Clinic on Tuesday 26 October. To book call 01372 464770 or go to www.eshercab.org.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Bill Bedford, Maynard Pockson, Frederick Harrison, Pat Davies

RIP: John Matterson Allen, Ernest Stanton, Doreen Stanton

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October		Time	Reading
Monday	18		Tobit 3; Ps 1; John 17.1-5
Tuesday	19	9.00-10.00am	Tobit 4; Ps 5; John 17.6-19
Wednesday	20	9.00-10.00am	Tobit 5.1-6; Ps 119.1-32; John 17.20-end
Thursday	21		Wisdom 5.1-16; Ps 116; Luke 6.12-16
Friday	22		Tobit 7; Ps 19; John 18.12-27

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	17	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Doreen & Ernest Stanton, Christ Church
		4.00pm	'Blessing our Pets' Service, Christ Church
Monday	18	11.30am	Funeral of John Matterson Allen, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	19	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	20	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Clare Howick, violin & John Paul Ekins, piano
		7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	21	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	24	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	25	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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