

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

2 AUGUST 2020

CHURCH SERVICE

Service	Parish Communion led by Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sides	Will Stevens, Sandra Argent
Reading	Sandra Argent
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musicians	Martin Kerrison, Oliver Macfarlane, Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

MUSIC

Communion Music	<i>Prelude, Op. 18</i> (Franck) <i>Balm in Gilead</i> (African-American trad, arr. Stroman)
Closing Organ Voluntary	<i>Fugue in C, from Sonata no. 2</i> (Mendelssohn)
Virtual Anthem	<i>How lovely are thy dwellings</i> (Brahms) Performed by the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMUHNN1qUok

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Commenting on today's Gospel, New Testament scholar Tom Wright sees the miracle of the loaves and fishes as (amongst other things) a remarkable example of Christian vocation. Wright sees the offering of what was available as symbolic of how God takes our ordinary-seeming contributions and transforms them into something truly remarkable. He writes:

'We offer, uncomprehending, what little we have. Jesus takes ideas, loaves and fishes, money, a sense of humour, time, energy, talents, love, artistic gifts, skill with words, quickness of eye or fingers, whatever we have to offer. He holds them before his father with prayer and blessing. Then, breaking them so they are ready for use, he gives them back to us to give to those who need them ... we look on in amazement to see what God has done with the bits and pieces we dug out of our meagre resources to offer to him.' (Matthew for Everyone).

God bless,



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been
fed with your body be refreshed with
the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.
Amen.

READING Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM 145.15-end

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
16 You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
17 The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
19 He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
20 The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
21 My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

In line with the latest COVID-19 guidance from the Government and the Diocese, Sunday morning public worship has now resumed with a Parish Communion at Christ Church on Sundays, at 10.30am. It is hoped services at St George's West End will also recommence in due course. Please keep an eye on our website for updates. Your churches remain open for private prayer, with Christ Church open on Wednesdays, 9am to 6pm, and St George's on Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm, and Sundays, 2pm to 4pm. There are safety guidelines to be followed and social distancing is to be maintained. Please read the instructions upon entering. Thank you.

Help & the Parish Office - The office is working remotely and is closed. If you need support, do let us know via the Parish Office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries please contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152. For music or 'MOTG' enquiries, contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, on 07816 011621 or fullorgan@cantab.net. Many thanks.

Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

This is a new free initiative launched by the Church of England and Lambeth Palace with help from Holy Trinity Claygate. Following a greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, a list of options includes a short talk exploring a traditional hymn, hymns on a loop, the Church of England's weekly service and morning/evening prayers.

SERVICE NOTES

Welcome!

It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to bear in mind:

- Please take the Order of Service booklet and the Pewsheets home with you. We'll follow the same Order of Service almost every week, so feel free to re-use it.
- If you haven't already done so, please give your contact details to the sidespersons for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- Our service will be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook page. The camera is angled so that only the priest and those speaking from the lectern can be seen.
- The Government 'encourages', and the Church of England 'strongly advises', the use of face coverings at services. We have some if you need one. Please do ask.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the central aisle for Communion, using the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisle.
- If you prefer to make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer in the Order of Service booklet, on page 10.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee this morning and we're asked to not congregate inside after the service. But, chatting outside in small groups is positively encouraged!
- 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.

PARISH NOTICES

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Every Wednesday the Rector, Darren, leads a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am. All are welcome to join. Download/install Zoom (zoom.us) on your computer or device and also, if you like, the Daily Prayer app from the Church of England (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps>). There is a small fee for the Daily Prayer app but service texts can be found on the Church of England website for free, and will be shown on the screen. Zoom prayers will be followed by coffee time (Zoffee!) finishing at 10am. Contact Darren (rector@esherparish.org.uk) or the Parish Office (office@esherparish.org.uk) for the Zoom sign-in details.

Donations - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the Parish of Esher. Like many parishes we've seen a fall in our income in recent months, so if you're in a position to do so, please consider how you can support mission and ministry in this place. Donations can be made via our JustGiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish> - and there will be a retiring collection at the door after today's service. You can also make payments to the parish bank account. Contact the Parish Office for details, and for Gift Aid forms. Thank you!

Shop Online & Fundraise - The website [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) turns your everyday online shopping into donations for the Parish, at no cost at all to you. Just visit your favourite retailers through the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccesher/> - and then shop as normal.

Parish Fundraising via Amazon - You can also fundraise for the Parish when you shop with Amazon. Support us by always starting your shopping using the link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134847-0>

Children's Church-Takeaway Activity Packs - We've put together pizza boxes full of fun and faith for children to take with them wherever they go this summer. There's a blow-up beach ball, party bubbles, crayons and a wrist band; as well as 'Friends and Heroes' activity sheets, a 'Fruits of the Spirit Salad' recipe, and an inspirational guide to self-care for families. Plus, there's food for the body as well as the soul with some fresh fruit and a 'Pizza Express' voucher! We've a limited supply, so don't miss out. Email the parish office - office@esherparish.org.uk - to have one delivered to your door.

Music on the Green - Our first virtual concert, a harmonica and piano recital by Phil Hopkins and our very own Stuart Whatton, can be found on our MOTG YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60Nys0liNK3Y10JOnMu1w/featured?view_as=subscriber). For donations to Music on the Green, we have set up an MOTG JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG> Many thanks for all your donations so far. If you haven't already listened to the recital, do tune in and let us know what you think.

Electoral Roll - In April 2019 we completely reviewed our Electoral Roll. You may find you are not on the roll when you thought you were. If you would like to add your name to the roll, please contact the Parish Office for a form. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Helena Miller

RIP: Sarah Tweedle, Inger Dagmar Welch

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	3		1 Samuel 14.24-46; Ps 30; Luke 23.13-25
Tuesday	4	9.00-10.00am	1 Samuel 15.1-23; Ps 36; Luke 23.26-43
Wednesday	5	8.50-9.30am	1 Samuel 16; Ps 34; Luke 23.44-56a
Thursday	6		1 Kings 19.1-10; Ps 27; 1 John 3.1-3
Friday	7		1 Samuel 17.31-54; Ps 31; Luke 24.13-35

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Monday	3	7.30-8.15pm	Choir meeting, Zoom
Tuesday	4	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	5	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
Sunday	9	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	10	6.00-7.00pm	Choir garden gathering, Member's home
		7.30-8.15pm	Choir meeting, Zoom
Tuesday	11	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	12	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
Thursday	13	12 noon	Funeral of Sarah Tweedle, Christ Church

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