

# 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*

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

3 SEPTEMBER 2017

## 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.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 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 Stefan and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Service</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan and Fiona Owen
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark, Hannah Emerson, Verity Dickinson
Reading	Pam Stark
Prayers	Rebecca Warner

## MUSIC

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	236, 282, 336
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Service</b>
Hymns	
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## READING Exodus 3.1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the

Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

### **PSALM 105.1-6, 23-26, 45b**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.  
3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.  
5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

23 Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

24 And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,

25 whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

26 He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

45 that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

### **GOSPEL Matthew 16.21-end**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

## PARISH NOTICES

**Chaplain & Youth Worker** - We begin our welcoming of Dave and his family to the parish today. We thank God for them and pray for their settling in among us.

**Alpha Course** - We will be running an evening Alpha Course - starting on Tuesday 12 September and continuing on Tuesdays for a total of ten weeks. This course will also serve as our adult confirmation classes for this year. For more information speak with Nate or Stefan and if interested please complete the registration form on the parish website - [www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/alpha-course-0](http://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/alpha-course-0).

**Save the Date!** - Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford, will be joining us and leading our 10.30am worship on 17 September 2017. Please do join us on this special occasion. Please note that the 9am service at St George's will not run on this Sunday.

**Occasional Preachers** - We celebrate Fiona Owen and John Sandison completing their training as Occasional Preachers and look forward to their growing ministry here in Esher.

**Noah's Ark** - Schools are back and so is Noah's Ark on Sunday 10 September.

**Ladies Coffee Morning & Ladies Drinks Night** - Due to a clash (whoops!) the Ladies Drinks Night will move to Monday 11 September from 7.30pm. In addition there will be a Coffee Morning, same day, from 10am to midday. You are very welcome to attend one or both (with the usual lady proviso, sorry gentlemen)! Please email your RSVP ([dpcollier@me.com](mailto:dpcollier@me.com)) or sign-up in church. Thanks!

**Music on the Green lunchtime concert** - We are pleased to welcome Victoria Puttock, saxophone and Karen Kingsley, piano to Christ Church on Wednesday 20 September. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection.

**Toddlers' Praise** - Toddlers' Praise will recommence again on Tuesday 26 September at 10.30am at Christ Church. Led by Jan Sayer, an active church member with 30+ years of pre-school and primary teaching experience at all levels. Toddlers' Praise is totally free and runs weekly in line with school term times. Light refreshments are provided for children and grown-ups. All are welcome from our church community and beyond. Feel free to just turn-up for a happy gathering of pre-school children, parents and carers.

**Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans** - Our trip to St Alban's will take place on Wednesday 11 October. St Albans Cathedral has welcomed pilgrims since the 11th century, has the longest nave in England and is famous for its Romanesque architecture. The all day visit includes a private guided tour, the return coach trip and some free time. Estimated total cost £27 per person. Everyone is welcome. Please sign-up on the list in Christ Church.

**Esher's Princess** - A free talk on HRH Princess Charlotte of Wales (1796-1817) will be given by Stephen Chater at St George's Church, Esher on Saturday 9 September at 2.30pm. The Church will be open from 11.00am. Retiring collection. All welcome.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Dr Margaret Williams, Rob McCulloch, Jackie Hinton, Zak Gillard, Mary Teague, Peter Lindow

**RIP Anniversaries:** Eleanor Poet

## 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.*

<b>September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Monday 4		Proverbs 14.31-15.17; Ps 98; Mark 6.45-end
Tuesday 5		Proverbs 15.18-end; Ps 106; Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday 6		Proverbs 18.10-end; Ps 111; Mark 7.14-23
Thursday 7	9.00 - 9.30am	Proverbs 20.1-22; Ps 115; Mark 7.24-30
Friday 8	9.00 - 9.30am	Proverbs 22.1-16; Ps 139; Mark 7.31-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 5	9.30am	Esher High School Year 7 Welcome Service
Wednesday 6	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services
Saturday 9	All day	Surrey Churches Ride+Stride
Monday 11	10.00am	Ladies Coffee Morning, The Rectory
	7.30pm	Ladies Drinks Night, The Rectory
Tuesday 12	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
	7.30pm	Alpha Course
Sunday 17	10.30am	Bishop Andrew leading our worship
	4.00pm	Pet Service, St George's
Tuesday 19	7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday 20	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Victoria Puttock, saxophone & Karen Kingsley, piano
	8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting
Friday 22	1.30pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Nicola Foley & David Semple
Tuesday 26	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise resumes
	7.30pm	Alpha Course
Thursday 28	10.00am	Fellowship Group resumes

## CONTACTS

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