

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5 AUGUST 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

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Caroline St Gallay
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Sue Dunne, Caroline McDade, Fiona Owen
Reading	Dave Whymark
Prayers	Fiona Owen
Chalice	Simon Donnan, Geoff Walker

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Simple Gifts</i> (arr. William Llewellyn)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	708, 566, 227(omit v.2)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	708, 566, 341, 227
Organists	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

READING Ephesians 4.1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that

some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

PSALM 78.23-29

23 Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;
24 he rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.
25 Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
26 He caused the east wind to blow in
the heavens, and by his power he led
out the south wind;
27 he rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;
28 he let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.
29 And they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.

GOSPEL John 6.24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. 'They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PARISH NOTICES

Stefan - I will be instituted, inducted and installed as Rector of Christleton on Thursday 13 September at 7.30pm. You all are very welcome; though I appreciate it is a long way. The parish have kindly offered accommodation to those who may need it. Please contact me if you need this. **My last Sunday in the parish is today.**

Thank you - I shall save any words of goodbye and thanks for my address or short speech after the service, suffice to say thank you for the life we have shared these last five and half years. As you will see from my blog post on our Parish of Esher website - <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/saying-goodbye-journey-so-far> - it has been quite a journey we have shared together. A journey of combined effort, sacrifice and vision of many, for which I am deeply thankful. I pray for you, as I leave, after the words used by St Paul in his letter to the Colossians 3.12-17.

Stefan's Bring & Share Parish Party - After our service at Christ Church we will be holding a Bring & Share Parish Party to say thank you and celebrate all that Stefan has given our Parish and send Stefan, Deb and George and Jack on their way with fond memories of Esher as they start their new journey in Christleton. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Interregnum - Once Stefan is installed in Christleton, 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.

Morning Prayer - We are pleased to say that Fiona Owen has kindly agreed to lead midweek morning prayer on a part time basis. Check pewsheets and website for exact days.

8am Services at Christ Church - During August the 8am services will be taking a break. The next 8am service will take place on Sunday 2 September.

Noah's Ark - Now that the state schools have broken for the summer holidays our Sunday School, Noah's Ark, will take a holiday too and will return in September.

Choir - The Christ Church choir will take a breather in August to rest their vocal chords!

West End Village Show - Please save the day, Saturday 25 August. Last year St. George's, West End and Christ Church together raised just over £2,200 with their legendary cake stall and afternoon cream teas. We would love to exceed that figure but we need your help. Can you spare 1, 2, 3 hours on the Friday or Saturday or, alternatively, you can help by baking cakes or scones. Please sign-up at the back of the church. You can also sign-up via the Doodlepoll - <https://doodle.com/poll/cudu7bimundy4ybyq> - please include a comment if you can bring food. Thank you!

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy

RIP Anniversaries: Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons, Alwyn Hunter

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.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	6	9.00-9.30am	1 Kings 19.1-16; Ps 27; 1 John 3.1-3
Tuesday	7		1 Samuel 26; Ps 73; Acts 4.1-12
Wednesday	8	9.00-9.30am	1 Samuel 28.3-end; Ps 77; Acts 4.13-31
Thursday	9		1 Samuel 31; Ps 78.1-39; Acts 4.32-5.11
Friday	10		2 Samuel 1; Ps 55; Acts 5.12-26

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Saturday	25	12.30pm	West End Village Show St George's Cake & Bread Sale, St George's Church Christ Church Village Teas, West End Village Hall
		12.30pm	Wedding Blessing: Robert & Kate Brown, Christ Church
Monday	26	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
September		Time	Event
Tuesday	4	9.45am	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service
Wednesday	5	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Monday	10	7.15pm	Choir practices resume

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise