

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

6 AUGUST 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

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

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Chalice	Sue Langley
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by Nate
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Jane or Alex Sladen
Reading	David Stark
Prayers	Alex Sladen

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	380, 197, 231
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	380, 152, 231
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

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 145.8-9, 15-end

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

9 The Lord is good to all, and his
compassion is over all that he has made.

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 NOTICES

Chaplain and Youth Worker - We are pleased to announce, and thank God for answering our prayers, that David Whymark will become our new Chaplain and Youth Worker in September, subject to the normal checks and balances required and in process. More details will follow in due course, but we eagerly look forward to welcoming David and his family among us in the near future and may I encourage us to pray for them at this time.

Audio Visual Upgrade - Most of the work and essential snagging has been completed with some testing and training to follow. We thank God for the diligent and professional work of DM Music, for Darren Thayne's skillful help with the electrics and for Hugh Miller for expertly managing the project. We very much look forward to using the full system in earnest come autumn.

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.

Parish Safeguarding Officer - We are pleased to announce that Fiona Owen has kindly volunteered to become our new Parish Safeguarding Officer. Thank you Fiona.

West End Village Show - Please save the day, Saturday 26 August. Last year St. George's, West End and Christ Church together raised just over £2,000 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 - either would be great. Please see sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Thank you!

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.

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) 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

Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans - Save the day, Wednesday 11 October. All welcome.

Parish Office closed - The office is closed next week, 7 - 11 August inclusive.

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, Carol Henderson

RIP Anniversaries: Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons, Alwyn Hunter

RIP: Joe Bertram

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.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	7	9.00 - 9.30am	Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10; Ps 27; 1 John 3.1-3
Tuesday	8	9.00 - 9.30am	Ezekiel 33.1-20; Ps 36; James 2.14-end
Wednesday	9		Ezekiel 33.21-end; Ps 34; James 3
Thursday	10		Ezekiel 34.1-16; Ps 37; James 4.1-12
Friday	11		Ezekiel 34.17-end; Ps 31; James 4.13-5.6

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Monday	7	All day	Parish Office closed (7-11 August)
Saturday	26	1.45pm	West End Village Show, West End
		2.00pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Geraldine Bekenn & David Nicholson
September		Time	Event
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
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

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise