

# 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*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9 JULY 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

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward  
world: draw us into harmony with  
your will, that we may find all things  
restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Nate
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Stefan and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Gerard Harper
Chalice	Ann Willig
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Sue Dunne, Will Stevens
Reading & Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Sue Dunne

## MUSIC

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Ave verum</i> (Saint-Saëns)
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	94, 26, 564
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Songs	94, 277, 26, 564
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## READING Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout  
aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your  
king comes to you; triumphant and  
victorious is he, humble and riding on a  
donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and  
the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he  
shall command peace to the nations; his  
dominion shall be from sea to sea, and  
from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of  
my covenant with you, I will set your  
prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners  
of hope; today I declare that I will  
restore to you double.

## **PSALM 145.8-15**

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.

10 All your works shall give thanks to  
you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall  
bless you.

11 They shall speak of the glory of  
your kingdom, and tell of your power,  
12 to make known to all people your  
mighty deeds, and the glorious  
splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting  
kingdom, and your dominion endures  
throughout all generations. The Lord is  
faithful in all his words, and gracious in  
all his deeds.

14 The Lord upholds all who are  
falling, and raises up all who are bowed  
down.

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you  
give them their food in due season.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end**

‘But to what will I compare this  
generation? It is like children sitting in  
the market-places and calling to one  
another, “We played the flute for you,  
and you did not dance; we wailed, and  
you did not mourn.” For John came  
neither eating nor drinking, and they  
say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man  
came eating and drinking, and they say,  
“Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a  
friend of tax-collectors and sinners!”  
Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you,  
Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
because you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the intelligent and  
have revealed them to infants; yes,  
Father, for such was your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to  
me by my Father; and no one knows  
the Son except the Father, and no one  
knows the Father except the Son and  
anyone to whom the Son chooses to  
reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that  
are weary and are carrying heavy  
burdens, and I will give you rest. Take  
my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden  
is light.’

## PARISH NOTICES

**Saturday 29 July** - Deborah and I would like to invite you to Cream Teas at the Rectory between 3pm and 5pm. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church for an indication of numbers. Thank you.

**Sunday 30 July** - The 9am service will not run. Also please note the Prudential RideLondon cycle race is taking place on this Sunday. For information on the race route, road closures etc check out the 'Info Hub' at [www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk](http://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk).

**Save the Date!** - Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford, will be joining us and leading our 10.30am worship on 17 September 2017. Please do save the date and join us on this special occasion.

**Prayers** - Please pray, firstly, for candidates for our chaplain and youth worker post, and for the interviews scheduled for the Tuesday 18 July and, secondly, for the PCC and its awayday on Saturday 22 July - for vision, courage and boldness in leading our community.

**Chaplain and Youth Worker** - The parish is seeking an exceptional candidate for this newly created, full time post. The role will involve spending three days a week as chaplain to Esher High School with the rest of the time leading the parish's youth ministry. The closing date for applications is 11 July. Interviews to be held on 18 July. Please see our parish website for more information and to download the application form, job and person specification - [www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/job-vacancy](http://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/job-vacancy). For a conversation about the post please speak with Stefan Collier.

**Audio-Visual Upgrade Update** - We are pleased to announce the diocesan faculty has been approved and we can proceed. Work, at Christ Church, will commence this Monday for two weeks. Apart from Sunday services all other activity in church is being suspended or moved to alternative locations. Many thanks for your understanding.

**Music on the Green** - The next lunchtime concert, on Wednesday 19 July, will be by the 'The Delicias Duo' with Eszter Schultz, violin and Anna Cassu Serra, piano. Delicias Duo are paying us a return visit following their enjoyable performance in 2015. Please note there is a temporary change of venue due to the Audio Visual installation. The concert will be taking place at old St George's Church, in Esher, behind the Bear pub.

**Ladies Drinks** - Tuesday 12 September at the Rectory from 7pm. All welcome, assuming you are a lady! Sign-up sheets to appear closer to the time, but please save the date and/or email [dpcollier@me.com](mailto:dpcollier@me.com)

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**RIP Anniversaries:** Eileen Gibbs, Stuart Jones, Geoffrey Fox

**RIP:** Christopher Cowper

## 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.*

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	10		Job 33, Ps 80; Romans 14.13-end
Tuesday	11		Job 38, Ps 89.1-18; Romans 15.1-13
Wednesday	12		Job 39; Ps 119.105-128; Romans 15.14-21
Thursday	13		Job 40; Ps 92; Romans 15.22-end
Friday	14		Job 41; Ps 88; Romans 16.1-16

## LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Monday	10	All week	Audio Visual Installation commences (week 1 of 2)
Tuesday	11	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
Thursday	13	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Waynelete Tower Avenue
Monday	17	All week	Audio Visual Installation continues (week 2 of 2)
Wednesday	19	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Eszter Schütz, violin and Anna Cassú, piano, Old St George's Church, Esher
		8.00pm	Breathe
Saturday	22	All day	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Awayday
Thursday	27	10.30am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	29	3.00pm	Cream Teas, The Rectory
Sunday	30	All day	Prudential RideLondon cycle race
August		Time	Event
Tuesday	1	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
Saturday	26	1.45pm	West End Village Show, West End
		2.00pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Geraldine Bekenn & David Nicholson

## CONTACTS

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