

# 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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11 JULY 2021

## CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Ven David Gerrard
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Karen Harris
Reading	Brian Elliott
Prayers	James MacDonald
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton

## MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Vater unser im Himmereich', BuxWV 219 (Buxtehude)</i>
Hymns	755, 595, 584
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>To be a Pilgrim (Nicholas Burt)</i>
Closing Music	<i>Toccata in D minor, Op. 80 (Reger)</i>

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In 1608, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio painted the largest altarpiece of his artistic career, 'The Beheading of St John'. This enormous work (more than ten feet by fifteen feet) was produced for, and can still be seen in, the oratory of Saint John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, Malta ([www.stjohnscocathedral.com](http://www.stjohnscocathedral.com)). The church was built by the Knights of Malta as the conventual church of their Order. In his biography of Caravaggio, Andrew Graham-Dixon, emphasises the appropriateness of the location:

'The novices of the Order of St John listened to sermons and received instruction in the oratory .. The place was both a school for the martyrs of the future and a burial ground for the martyrs of the past – the bones of the knights who had died at the Great Siege were interred beneath its stone-flagged floor ... The picture is like a catechism, an asking of questions. Are you sure you have it in you to be a Knight of the Order of St John? Are you ready to die? Are you ready to die like this?' (Caravaggio: A Life Sacred and Profane)

While the experience of those novices might seem far-removed from our lives – though increasing levels of religious persecution around the world should give us pause – all followers of Christ face the same fundamental question: what are we prepared to give away in love?

God bless,



## READING Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## GOSPEL Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## HYMNS

### Oft in danger, oft in woe

- 1 Oft in danger, oft in woe,  
onward, Christians, onward go;  
bear the toil, maintain the strife,  
strengthened with the bread of life.
- 2 Onward, Christians, onward go,  
join the war, and face the foe;  
will ye flee in danger's hour?  
Know ye not your Captain's power?
- 3 Let not sorrow dim your eye;  
soon shall every tear be dry:  
let not fears your course impede;  
great your strength, if great your need.
- 4 Let your drooping hearts be glad;  
march in heavenly armour clad;  
fight, nor think the battle long:  
soon shall victory wake your song.
- 5 Onward then in battle move;  
more than conquerors ye shall prove:  
though opposed by many a foe,  
Christian soldiers, onward go.

### Be thou my vision

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Pow'r of  
my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's  
bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

### All my hope on God is founded

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.
- 5 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

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## ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you. We'll follow the same Order almost every week, so do re-use it.
- Face coverings/masks are required by law. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).'
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we are asked to not stay inside after the service. But, chatting outside in small groups is encouraged!
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- Individuals, households and support bubbles are asked not to 'mingle with others' before, during, or after the service.
- Sadly, congregational singing is still not permitted - Choir members will raise their beautiful voices on our behalf.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
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- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside after the service.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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## PARISH NOTICES

### **New Headteacher for Esher Church School -**

We are delighted to welcome the news that a new Headteacher has been appointed to our wonderful Esher Church School. Following a thorough recruitment process, Mr Ben Foley will join the learning community for the start of the autumn term. He comes to Esher with a wealth of experience in senior leadership and headteacher positions in primary schools, in both the academy and maintained sector. Most recently he has been working with the Schools Alliance for Excellence, delivering Surrey's School Improvement Service. We hold everyone at ECS in our prayers.

*Gracious God,*

*we thank you for everyone at*

*Esher Church School:*

*those who learn and those who teach,  
and those who make that teaching and  
learning possible.*

*We ask your blessing on Ben,  
the incoming headteacher  
as he prepares to take up his leadership  
responsibilities.*

*Give him wisdom and discernment  
for the tasks ahead*

*and help us all to play our part in  
building a school community  
founded on faith, hope and love.*

*Amen.*

**Fellowship Group** - Our next meeting will be at 10am on Wednesday 28 July. Location to be confirmed. All are welcome. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

**Noah's Ark** - Sunday school has now finished for the summer. Noah's Ark will set sail again in September. The starting date will be confirmed in the pewsheet. Thank you.

**Youth Group** - The final meeting is Sunday 18 July. The September starting date will be announced in the pewsheet.

**Music on the Green** - Our next concert will be on Wednesday 21 July at 1.15pm, and will feature the delightful combination of flute and harp, with a programme including works by Strauss, Saint-Saëns and Chaminade. We look forward to welcoming Mark Taylor on flute and Gabriella Jones on harp. This will be the last concert of our current season - so save the date! Recent recitals can be viewed on our 'Music on the Green Esher' YouTube channel.

**An update on my arm** - Continuing thanks to everyone for your prayers and good wishes. The news is that the cast has been removed and replaced with a more manageable sling, so I am hopeful for a quick recovery. Darren.

**Parish Giving** - Thank you so much for your ongoing support. If you're able to, you can donate today or via JustGiving at <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish> or on our Give A Little fundraising page at <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. To donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office for details and Gift Aid forms.

**Book Group** - For its next read, the Book Group has chosen 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney. Many of us will have seen the TV serialisation, but the novel gives us a deeper insight into the characters. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 August at 4.30pm. We hope the easing of restrictions will let us meet in person. To know more, please contact Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or [jandrewesher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewesher@gmail.com).

**'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer** - The Group, which meets on Tuesday mornings is taking a little break. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 10 August at 9am. Contact the Parish Office for Zoom details.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues on Wednesdays at 9am.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Jaeseok Yang, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Chris Rowse, Stewart Henderson, Tom Radford, Hugh Miller

RIP Anniversaries: Geoffrey Fox, Emily Oliver, Audrey Grosvenor, Charles Roberts

RIP: Ann Elizabeth Grant, Anatoli Alessandrovich Bogdanovskiy, Shireen Sahn

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary:

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	12		Ezekiel 10.1-19; Ps 126; 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1
Tuesday	13		Ezekiel 11.14-end; Ps 132; 2 Corinthians 7.2-end
Wednesday	14	9.00-10.00am	Ezekiel 12.1-16; Ps 119.153-end; 2 Corinthians 8.1-15
Thursday	15		Ezekiel 12.17-end; Ps 143; 2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5
Friday	16		Ezekiel 13.1-16; Ps 144; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Sunday	11	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
		6.30pm	Youth Group Meeting, Zoom
Monday	12	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	14	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		11.45am	Funeral of Anatoli Alessandrovich Bogdanovskiy, Randalls Park Crematorium
		7.45pm-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting, Zoom
Thursday	15	All day	Parish Office closed
		2.00pm	Funeral of Ann Elizabeth Grant, Randalls Park Crematorium
Sunday	18	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
		6.30pm	Youth Group Meeting, Zoom

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