

# 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

11 AUGUST 2019

## 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 our church communities. Please do take it home.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David and Revd Jonny Blair
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Jonny Blair
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sides	Margaret Dane, Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Janie McCulloch
Prayers	Rosemary Seaton
Chalice	Margaret Dane, David Stark
Refreshments	Pam Stark, David Stark

## MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	708, 584, 739
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	708, 591, 584, 739
Setting	Addington
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## READING Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself

was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **PSALM 33.12-end**

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

13 The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

14 From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth -

15 he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

18 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

19 to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

21 Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### **GOSPEL Luke 12.32-40**

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** - To David and Revd Jonny Blair for leading our services today. It is a joy to worship with you.

**Interregnum Update from Andrew Cowie, Area Dean** - Whilst we received some good applications for the post of Rector, the shortlisting panel did not think there was a sufficiently strong field to proceed to the interview stage. The post will be re-advertised in September. We understand this news is disappointing, but it is worth delaying so the right person to lead the church is appointed as Rector. Do please continue to pray for that person, and for the church during the interregnum.

**8am Services at Christ Church** - The next 8am service will be on Sunday 1 September.

**Noah's Ark** - Now that the state schools are on summer holidays our Sunday School, Noah's Ark, is on holiday too and will return on Sunday 8 September.

**Voyagers & Pioneers** - The youth groups will return next month at Esher Church School - Pioneers on Sunday 8 September and Voyagers on Sunday 15 September.

**Choir** - Christ Church choir is taking a breather during August to rest their vocal chords and will return to sing at services on Sunday 8 September.

**Sandown Park Racecourse Development** - We have received notification of an amended planning application for the major redevelopment of Sandown Park. If interested insert the application ref. no. 2019/0551 into the planning portal at [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/find-application/](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/find-application/). Deadline is the 19 August.

**West End Village Show** - Please save the date, Saturday 24 August. Last year St. George's, West End and Christ Church together raised just over £1,900 with their legendary cake stall and afternoon cream teas. We would love to exceed that figure but we need your help. So please 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 St George's or Christ Church. You can also sign-up via the Doodlepoll - <https://doodle.com/poll/dmk3k5imezacpkai> Please include a comment if you are able to bring cakes and scones. Thank you!

**Flower Show CD/DVD/Book stall** - The Flower Show committee will be running a book/CD/DVD stall. We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted books, DVDs and CDs. Thank you.

**Emily Oliver** - A service of celebration for Emily is being organised by her parent's, Tim and Debi Oliver. It is planned to take place at Christ Church on Saturday 14 September at 2.30pm and will be led by Andrew Cowie

**Buttons & Bows Charity Cream Teas** - On Monday 30 September, 1.15pm-4.30pm, Buttons & Bows are holding a charity cream teas afternoon in the West End Sports & Social Club. All proceeds from the afternoon will be donated to Crohn's & Colitis UK, the leading charity in the battle against crohn's and colitis and other forms of inflammatory bowel disease. As well as cream teas there will be coffee and cake and a grand raffle.

**Please stay for refreshments after the service.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Viola Mason

RIP anniversaries: Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons, Alwyn Hunter, Marjorie Barraclough

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below. All are welcome to use Christ Church for daily prayer.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	12		Jeremiah 31.23-25, 27-37; Ps 30; James 2.1-13
Tuesday	13		Jeremiah 32.1-15; Ps 36; James 2.14-end
Wednesday	14		Jeremiah 33.1-13; Ps 34; James 3
Thursday	15		Isaiah 7.10-15; Ps 98; Luke 11.27-28
Friday	16		Jeremiah 35; Ps 31; James 4.13-5.6

## PARISH CALENDAR

August		Time	Event
Sunday	18	4.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
Wednesday	21	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	22	1.30pm	Wedding: Jack Hartigan & Lottie Moffat
Saturday	24	Midday	West End Village Show St George's Cake & Bread Sale, St George's Church Christ Church Village Teas, West End Village Hall
Monday	26	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
Wednesday	28	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
September		Time	Event
Sunday	1	8.00am	8am Holy Communion, Christ Church 9am Sung Communion, St George's 10.30am All Age Service, Christ Church
Wednesday	4	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Friday	6	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	7	1.30pm	Wedding: Carly Perry & James Houselander
Monday	9	7.15pm	Choir practice resumes

## CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise