

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

13 JUNE 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sidespeople	Jane Tyrell
Reading	Janie McCulloch
Prayers	David Stark
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele'</i> (Karg-Elert)
Hymns	608, 754 (omit v3), 827
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>Pray that Jerusalem</i> (Stanford)
Closing Music	<i>Overture to the Occasional Oratorio: Introduction & March</i> (Handel)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper
of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

The great Protestant Reformer Martin Luther is reputed to have said that each Sunday, after he had preached his morning's sermon, he would return home, drink a glass of Wittenberg beer and just let the Gospel run its course!

It's a good reminder – as are today's two horticultural parables (related to growing grain and mustard plants) – that the spiritual life is not, in the end, about us – about us *doing* things. Rather it's about cultivating the habits which prepare the ground for a flowering which is beyond our power to command. In the words of Saint Paul, we may plant and water, but it is 'only God who gives the growth.' (1 Corinthians 3.7). Or, as theologian and author Martin Laird puts it:

'A spiritual practice simply disposes us to allow something to take place. For example, a gardener does not actually grow plants. A gardener practices certain gardening skills that facilitate growth that is beyond the gardener's direct control. In a similar way, a sailor cannot produce the necessary wind that moves the boat. A sailor simply practices skills that harness the gift of wind that brings the sailor home.' (Into the Silent Land).

In short, ultimately, all is grace!

God bless,



READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

PSALM 92.1-8

1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

3 to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

4 For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

5 How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

6 The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:

7 though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction for ever,

8 but you, O Lord, are on high for ever.

GOSPEL Mark 4.26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

HYMNS

Christ is our cornerstone

Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

O worship the King, all glorious above

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

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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.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

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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.
- 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 come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- 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

APCM - Congratulations to those elected at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on Sunday 23 May. Helen Coulson and Jane Tyrrell were elected as Churchwardens, while Michael Banks was elected as a Representative of the laity on the Parochial Church Council and Mair Molteno was elected as a parish representative to the Deanery Synod. Please keep all those charged with leading the parish in your prayers. The APCM was also an opportunity to pay tribute to those stepping down from elected roles. In particular, presentations were made to Sandra Argent who has been Churchwarden for the past six years, and to John Sandison who served as PCC Secretary for the past three years. Once restrictions ease we hope to have further opportunities to thank those who give so much to the life of the church and the community.

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/eshherparish> 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.

Music on the Green - We were very pleased to welcome a live audience to Christ Church for the first time this year in May. This month's live concert on Wednesday 16 June, 1.15pm, will feature the Laefer Saxophone Quartet. Watch all our concerts live or catch up later on 'Music on the Green Esher' YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60NysOliNK3Y10JOnMu1w> Online donations will be very welcome on our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG

Noah's Ark - Sunday school is back at Christ Church for children in school years 1 to 6. We would love your child to join us for some fun activities and a Bible story. Appropriate Covid measures will be taken to ensure the safety of children and volunteers. Thank you.

Esher Church School Headteacher - Our wonderful parish primary school is searching for a new Headteacher. Let's keep everyone involved in our prayers.

*Gracious God,
we ask for your blessing
on Esher Church School
and its Governing Body
as they seek to appoint a new Headteacher.
Give all involved your gifts of wisdom and
sound judgement, and help them to discern
the unique qualities each candidate brings
and so find a person to take forward the
school's vision of 'Christ at the Centre;
Life to the Full'.*

Amen.

'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer - All are welcome to join this informal Zoom gathering at 9am on Tuesday mornings.

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

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.

Book Group - This month's literary excursion will be the 'The Coldest Case', the latest of Martin Walker's detective novels set in the Dordogne. It will be discussed on Tuesday 6 July at 4.30pm. If regulations permit, they hope they'll be able to meet up - if not, it'll be Zoom again. If you'd like to know more, contact Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or jandrewesher@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Ann Townend, Pamela Lowe, Beryl Walter, Poppy Theobald, Ralph Corbett, Margaret Williams

RIP: Roger Seekings

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June		Time	Reading
Monday	14		Job 19; Ps 44; Romans 9.1-8
Tuesday	15	9.00-10.00am	Job 21; Ps 48; Romans 9.19-end
Wednesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Job 22; Ps 119.57-80; Romans 10.1-10
Thursday	17		Job 23; Ps 57; Romans 10.11-end
Friday	18		Job 24; Ps 51; Romans 11.1-12

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Sunday	13	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	14	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	15	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Laefer Saxophone Quartet
Thursday	17	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	20	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
		6.30pm	Youth Group Meeting, Zoom
Monday	21	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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