

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

13 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Caroline St Gallay
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by David
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Sue Dunne, Hugh Miller
Reading	Hugh Miller
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Sue Dunne

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	128, 15, 354
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	175, 128, 15, 354
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING 1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been

very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

PSALM 85.8-13

8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

12 The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

PARISH NOTICES

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!

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.

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.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes - To be eligible for Gift Aid, envelopes must clearly show the name of the donor (the person claiming the Gift Aid against tax they have paid), the donor's address and the date of the gift. An envelope with more than one name or without an address or date will not be eligible for Gift Aid.

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: Marjorie Barraclough, Margaret Corbett

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	14		Ezekiel 37.1-14; Ps 44; Mark 1.1-13
Tuesday	15		Isaiah 7.10-15; Ps 98; Luke 11.27-28
Wednesday	16		Ezekiel 39.21-end; Ps 119.57-80; Mark 1.21-28
Thursday	17		Ezekiel 43.1-12; Ps 57; Mark 1.29-end
Friday	18		Ezekiel 44.4-16; Ps 51; Mark 2.1-12

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
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
Friday	22	1.30pm	Wedding at Christ Church: Nicola Foley & David Semple

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise