

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

16 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

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the
gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Sue Langley
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Margaret Dane, Hannah Emerson, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Gill Barnett
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Margaret Dane

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>The True and Living Bread</i> (David Blackwell)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	427, 287, 514
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	427, 515, 287, 514
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

READING Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM 65

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
2 O you who answer prayer! To you all
flesh shall come.
3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm
us, you forgive our transgressions.
4 Happy are those whom you choose
and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of your house, your holy temple.
5 By awesome deeds you answer us
with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the
earth and of the farthest seas.
6 By your strength you established the
mountains; you are girded with might.
7 You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, the tumult
of the peoples.
8 Those who live at earth's farthest
bounds are awed by your signs; you
make the gateways of the morning and
the evening shout for joy.
9 You visit the earth and water it, you
greatly enrich it; the river of God is full
of water; you provide the people with
grain, for so you have prepared it.
10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with
showers, and blessing its growth.
11 You crown the year with your
bounty; your wagon tracks overflow
with richness.
12 The pastures of the wilderness
overflow, the hills gird themselves
with joy,
13 the meadows clothe themselves
with flocks, the valleys deck
themselves with grain, they shout and
sing together for joy.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house
and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds
gathered around him that he got into a
boat and sat there, while the whole crowd
stood on the beach. And he told them
many things in parables, saying: 'Listen!
A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,
some seeds fell on the path, and the birds
came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on
rocky ground, where they did not have
much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since
they had no depth of soil. But when the sun
rose, they were scorched; and since they
had no root, they withered away. Other
seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell
on good soil and brought forth grain, some
a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let
anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When
anyone hears the word of the kingdom and
does not understand it, the evil one comes
and snatches away what is sown in the
heart; this is what was sown on the path.
As for what was sown on rocky ground, this
is the one who hears the word and
immediately receives it with joy; yet such a
person has no root, but endures only for a
while, and when trouble or persecution
arises on account of the word, that person
immediately falls away. As for what was
sown among thorns, this is the one who
hears the word, but the cares of the world
and the lure of wealth choke the word, and
it yields nothing. But as for what was sown
on good soil, this is the one who hears the
word and understands it, who indeed bears
fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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 8am and 9am services will not run. Please note the Prudential RideLondon cycle race is taking place on this Sunday so only the 10.30am service at Christ Church will run. For information on the race route, road closures etc check out the 'Info Hub' at 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 the two candidates who have applied for our chaplain and youth worker post and for the interviews taking place on Tuesday 18 July and, secondly, for the PCC and its awayday on Saturday 22 July - for vision, courage and boldness in leading our community.

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.

Audio-Visual Upgrade - The installation is currently in progress so please forgive our appearance. It is due to be completed by Friday 21 July. Apart from Sunday services all other activity in church is suspended or has been 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

Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans - Save the day, Wednesday 11 October. All welcome.

Parish Office - The parish office will be closed on Wednesday 19 July but open on Thursday 20 July instead.

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, Carol Henderson

RIP Anniversaries: Audrey Grosvenor, Charles Roberts, Frederick Purvis, Michael Lumley-Kelly, Rose Mason

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	17		Ezekiel 1.1-14, Ps 98; 2 Corinthians 1.1-14
Tuesday	18		Ezekiel 1.15-2.2, Ps 106; 2 Corinthians 1.15-2.4
Wednesday	19		Ezekiel 2.3-3.11; Ps 111; 2 Corinthians 2.5-end
Thursday	20		Ezekiel 3.12-end; Ps 115; 2 Corinthians 3
Friday	21		Ezekiel 8; Ps 139; 2 Corinthians 4

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Monday	17	All week	Audio Visual Installation continues (week 2 of 2)
Tuesday	18	All day	Chaplain & Youth Worker Interview Day
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	10.00am	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

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise