

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 JULY 2022

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Margaret Dane, Kath Chapman
Reading	Kath Chapman
Refreshments	Vicky Jenkins, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn' (Reger)</i>
SG hymns	362 (omit v 4), 669, 810
CC hymns	362, 669, 810
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>Pray that Jerusalem</i> (Stanford)
Closing music	<i>Toccata in B minor</i> (Gigout)

THE COLLECT

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.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably
ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully
serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

The story of Martha and Mary in today's Gospel (Luke 10.38-42) is a parable about life, about giving and receiving, about being and doing. It is also a parable about priorities, about putting first things first, and about taking the time to recognise our deepest needs. Preacher and author Peter Gomes sums it up like this in 'Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living':

'It is a parable of our own worship, for it reminds us that what we do in our churches – our prayer, our praise, our instruction, and our fellowship – are not what we 'do' for Jesus, entertaining him and busying ourselves with his amusement, but rather we come here to 'sit at Jesus' feet,' to offer him worship and praise as he most justly deserves, and this is the most important of all, to receive from him the means of grace and the hope of glory. We worship not because we are the society of the perfect, the whole and the holy; we worship because, in the words of Samuel Johnson's hymn:

*Father, in thy mysterious presence kneeling,
Fain would our souls feel all thy kindling love,
For we are weak, and need some deep revealing
Of trust and strength and calmness from above.'*

God bless,



READING Colossians 1.15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you,

the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10.38-end

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

READING Genesis 18.1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

PSALM 15

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;
3 who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
5 who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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Communion

In line with Church of England guidance those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion can use this prayer.

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Amen. after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember. Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- It is no longer compulsory to wear a face covering at St George's, though please continue to wear one if you wish.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- 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' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- 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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- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- 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.
- 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' please use the prayer opposite.
- 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

Choral Scholarship Scheme - The Parish is launching a new choral scholarship scheme to run alongside its two existing organ scholarships. We wish to appoint Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass choral scholars (ideally one per voice) to sing as part of its main parish choir of adult volunteers as well as, on occasion, independently. The scheme is particularly intended for young musicians of sixth form or university age, but we will consider applications from people at any stage in their musical careers. For full details please see Parish website under latest news, email the Parish Office or speak with our Stuart Whatton, our Director of Music.

Zoom Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - The next Morning Prayer gathering on Zoom will be at 9am on Wednesday 7 September.

YouTube - Did you know that you can watch (live or on 'catch-up') the services at Christ Church on our YouTube channel? Check it out at www.youtube.com/esherparish and subscribe so that you're always notified of new content. Many thanks to all who make these popular broadcasts possible.

Christ Church Foodbank - The emergency foodbank supports those in our Parish. We're open 11-12pm every Wednesday. Also do please think about leaving food in the box at the back of Christ Church.

Compassion & Ordained Ministry - Amid so much stress and mental health issues a course of three evenings on 14, 21 and 28 July will explore compassion for ourselves and towards others. A vocational retreat taking place 14-16 October might be of interest if you are exploring ordained ministry. Both will be led by Revd Haydon Wilcox at St. Columba's House in Woking. For details ring 01483 766498 or email admin@stcolumbashouse.org.uk.

Prayers for our school children - Please pray for all school children going on to new beginnings – to new schools and colleges. Pray for all year groups moving up to new classes and on to new teachers. All will be getting used to the change and embracing the challenges ahead.

Sunday School - Our Sunday School will be finishing soon for the Summer holidays. For it to continue in September we need new volunteers to help. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to be involved. Degrees in theology are not needed – just a love of being with little ones as they learn and grow!

Children and Families Worker - We're looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and fun person to grow our ministry to children from preschool to 11 years old. If you're someone who can help children explore spirituality, meaning and purpose in imaginative and inspiring ways then we would love to hear from you. Full details of this part-time role (14 hours per week), and how to apply, can be found on the Parish website. It has now been advertised in the Church Times and on their job website. The closing date is Friday 29 July.

'Come for Coffee' mornings - The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 27 July at Christ Church. All are welcome. New dates to be announced soon.

Parish Giving - Our digital collection plate in Christ Church takes contactless and chip and pin payments. Donations can be made via the collection plate or cash or online by searching 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or via: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please do contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

PARISH NOTICES

Ukraine Donations - We are collecting urgently needed supplies for refugees and those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you have any of the items listed below, please leave at the back of Christ Church, which is now open every day. They will be delivered to a Ukrainian restaurant, the Prosperity Café, in Twickenham, a collection and distribution point for humanitarian aid.

Note clothes are not needed. Donations must be clean, organised and labelled if mixed. Sturdy packaging is essential. Many thanks for your kindness in these dark hours.

- large/medium sized backpacks
- camping mats, sleeping bags, torches
- warm blankets, all sizes
- thermal/base layer clothing, warm socks
- non-perishable/dry/canned food
- baby food/milk, bottles, wet wipes, nappies
- protein/energy bars, sweets
- non-perishable pet food
- painkillers (ibuprofen/paracetamol etc)
- cold/flu medicine (lemsips etc)
- wound dressings/gauze, non-woven plasters
- first aid medical kits, medical gloves, scissors
- disinfectants, antiseptics
- hot water bottles, insulated flasks
- feminine sanitary products
- power banks, cables (for charging mobiles)

Hosting Ukrainian families - The Diocese of Guildford is now working as a partner with the charity Citizens UK (www.citizensuk.org) to help with offering accommodation to refugees fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine. If anyone is hosting or considering hosting a Ukrainian family please do visit this page <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/i-am-resources/interested-in-supporting-ukraine>, where you can find more information and register your interest to host, in partnership with Citizens UK. This will help the Diocese provide support in the best way possible.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - The next concert, on Wednesday 20 July at 1.15pm, will now feature Robert and Linda Ang Stoodley as '*Piano à Deux*', with music for two pianos and piano duet including works by Fauré, Liszt, Rachmaninov and Gershwin. Note that MOTG will be taking a break in August. To watch MOTG concerts on YouTube, search 'Music on the Green Esher' and remember to subscribe. Email the Parish Office to be added to our MOTG email list.

Weekly Parish Communication - An email is sent to church members every Friday with the Sunday pewsheet. If you do not receive this but would like to, please do get in touch with the Parish Office.

Parish Book Group - The group is taking a break to enjoy our own favourite reading material over the summer. We will meet again on Tuesday 13 September at 4.30pm in Christ Church when we'll discuss *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy. For information contact Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380/jandrewesher@gmail.com.

Stewart Henderson on BBC Radio 4 - Coinciding with the anniversary of the London Transport bombings in 2005, Stewart Henderson presented '*Something Understood – The Unresolved*' in which he talks to a priest, Julie Nicholson, whose daughter, Jennifer, was murdered in one of the explosions. This repeated programme is available on BBC Sounds for the next 14 days.

The PCC - We thank all who serve the parish so diligently. We do have some vacancies, so should anyone be interested in becoming a member, please do speak with Darren.

Parking in Esher - We have parking permits for coming to church on Sunday mornings, 10-12.30pm. The permits run until August. For a permit please contact the Parish Office.



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 20 July 2022

Piano à Deux

Robert & Linda Ang Stoodley

*Music for two pianos and piano duet, featuring Gershwin's
'An American in Paris' and works by Fauré, Liszt and Rachmaninov*

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.
Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Charles Roberts, Frederick Purvis, Michael Lumley-Kelly, Rose Mason, Sarah Tweedle, Rosemary Simmons

RIP: Jemima Warrington

Baptism: Henrietta Lilac Rose Manning

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	18		1 Samuel 1.1-20; Ps 98; Luke 19.28-40
Tuesday	19		1 Samuel 1.21-2.11; Ps 106; Luke 19.41-end
Wednesday	20	9.00-10.00am	1 Samuel 2.12-26; Ps 111; Luke 20.1-8
Thursday	21		1 Samuel 2.27-end; Ps 115; Luke 20.9-19
Friday	22		1 Samuel 16.14-end; Ps 32; Luke 8.1-3

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Sunday	17	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Eucharist with Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
Monday	18	All day	Parish Office closed
		7.15-8.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	20	11am-12pm	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Piano à Deux, two pianos
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	21	All day	Parish Office closed
Friday	22	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	24	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	25	7.15pm	No choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	27	10.30am	Friends 'Come for Coffee' morning, Christ Church
		11am-12pm	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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