

# 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*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 SEPTEMBER 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

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Bishop Andrew with Nate
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Chalice	Stephen Lee
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Bishop Andrew with Stefan
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Hannah Emerson, Denise Howells
Reading	Will Stevens
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Will Stevens
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Pet Service</b> at St George's led by Nate

## MUSIC

Anthem	<i>O thou, the central orb</i> (Wood)
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	76, 372, 425
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	76, 61, 372, 425
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Pet Service</b>
Hymns	21, 557, O God, your creatures fill the earth
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

## READING Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## PSALM 103.1-13

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits -

3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

## GOSPEL Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** - to The Right Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, for visiting us today and leading our services. It was a joy to worship with you.

**Stefan's Pastoral Letter** - Please do pick up a copy from the south west corner (rear) of the church. If you would like future pastoral letters emailed please contact the Parish Office.

**I:Tea+Coffee Club** - As part of our vision to deliver a number of community engagement projects in the coming year, we are creating space for connecting conversations with a short introductory iPad lesson. It is hoped this space will be particularly helpful to older members of our community. The club will run for 10 weeks from Wednesday 4 October between 10.00am and 11.30am at Christ Church, Esher.

**West End Village Fair** - We raised a total of £2283.65, £1236.65 from the St George's Bread & Cake Stall and £1047 from the Afternoon Teas. An especial thank you to Peter Bedford and Helen Coulson who led our efforts and to those who supported on the day. Thank you.

**Harvest Services** - Our main Harvest Service will be at Esher Church School on Sunday 1 October at 10.30am. There will be no 10.30am service at Christ Church. All welcome, please do bring some food to share afterwards and enjoy each other's company and games. There will be a 9am Harvest Service at St George's, West End on the same day.

**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.

**Toddlers' Praise** - Toddlers' Praise will start again on Tuesday 26 September at 10.30am at Christ Church. All free, just turn-up for a happy gathering of children, parents and carers.

**Christ Church Rota Administrator required** - Are you able to spare a few hours every three months to create the rota of sidespeople, readers, prayer and chalice assistants for Christ Church services. It involves asking volunteers to indicate availability on an online planner, and then finalizing/distributing the rota. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

**New Boiler Installation** - The installation of a new boiler has commenced costing circa £50k. Work on site is scheduled to be completed early November just in time for winter.

**Pet Service** - Our Pet Service is today at 4pm at St George's West End. Please join us for our annual service to celebrate the joy of our pets. It's fun, relaxed and everyone is welcome, with or without a pet. We look forward to seeing you.

**Charity Event in aid of the Air Ambulance** - This fundraising event is being run by the local Buttons & Bow Club and will be on Saturday 30 September, 9am to 1pm, in West End Village Hall and will include cakes/ gifts for sale, a raffle and refreshments.

**Epsom Mental Health & Well-Being Festival 2017** - With mental health and well-being affecting everyone the work of the festival is all the more important. This festival takes place at venues across Epsom from Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 October. For the full programme and list of venues see [www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk).

*Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Dr Margaret Williams, Jackie Hinton, Peter Lindow

**RIP Anniversaries:** John Mitchell, Dorothy McGuire, Eileen Lock, Janet Thirtle

## 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.*

September		Time	Reading
Monday	18	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 1; Ps 1; Mark 9.38-end
Tuesday	19	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 2; Ps 5; Mark 10.1-16
Wednesday	20	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 3.1-9; Ps 119.1-32; Mark 10.17-31
Thursday	21	9.00 - 9.30am	1 Kings 19.15-end; Ps 49; 2 Timothy 3.14-end
Friday	22	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 5.1-16; Ps 19; Mark 10.35-45

## LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	17	4.00pm	Pet Service, St George's
Tuesday	19	All day	Parish Office closed
		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
Monday	25	11.00am	Wedding Blessing
Tuesday	26	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise resumes
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Thursday	28	10.00am	Fellowship Group resumes
October		Time	Event
Sunday	1	10.30am	Harvest Service, Esher Church School
Tuesday	3	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday	4	10.00am	I:Tea+Coffee Club
Sunday	8	3.00pm	Chertsey District Bellringers Programme meeting
		6.00pm	Youth Group

## CONTACTS

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***All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise***