

# 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

18 AUGUST 2019

## 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 our church communities. Please do take it home.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Chalice	Sue Lynn
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading	Dawn Davidson
Prayers	Will Stevens
Chalice	Hannah Emerson, Sue Dunne
Refreshments	Dawn Davidson

## MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	652, 641 (omit v3), 818
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	652, 654 (omit v3), 641, 818
Setting	Addington
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring  
forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## READING Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## PSALM 82

1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:

2 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*

3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'

8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

## GOSPEL Luke 12.49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** - To Revd Jonathan Andrew for leading our services today. It is a joy to worship with you.

**Interregnum Update from Andrew Cowie, Area Dean** - Whilst we received some good applications for the post of Rector, the shortlisting panel did not think there was a sufficiently strong field to proceed to the interview stage. The post will be re-advertised in September. We understand this news is disappointing, but it is worth delaying so the right person to lead the church is appointed as Rector. Do please continue to pray for that person, and for the church during the interregnum.

**Emily Oliver** - A service of celebration for Emily is being organised by her parent's, Tim and Debi Oliver. It will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 14 September at 2.30pm and will be led by Andrew Cowie

**8am Services at Christ Church** - The next 8am service will be on Sunday 1 September.

**Cambridge beckons!** - Congratulations to our parish organ scholar Nicholas Dibb-Fuller, who got his A level results this week and has achieved straight A\* grades, thereby securing his place at Clare College Cambridge this autumn.

**Choir** - Christ Church choir is resting their vocal chords and will return to sing at services on Sunday 8 September.

**Noah's Ark** - Noah's Ark, is on holiday and will return on Sunday 8 September.

**Voyagers & Pioneers** - The youth groups will return next month at Esher Church School - Pioneers on Sunday 8 September and Voyagers on Sunday 15 September.

**West End Village Show** - Please save the date, Saturday 24 August. Last year St. George's, West End and Christ Church raised just over £1,900 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, you can help by baking cakes or scones. Please sign-up at the back of St George's or Christ Church or via the Doodlepoll - <https://doodle.com/poll/dmk3k5imezacpkai> Please include a comment if you are able to bring cakes and scones. Thank you!

**Flower Show CD/DVD/Book stall** - The Flower Show committee will be running a book/CD/DVD stall. We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted books, DVDs and CDs. Thank you.

**London-Brighton Cycle Ride** - Our Director of Music Stuart Whatton will be part of the London Cycling Campaign team doing the official London-Brighton Cycle Ride on Sunday 15 September. (This is the 50th anniversary of his moving to his childhood home in Brighton.) Stuart may be tapping you up for some sponsorship support between now and mid-September, raising money for sustainable transport causes!

**Buttons & Bows Charity Cream Teas** - On Monday 30 September, 1.15pm-4.30pm, Buttons & Bows are holding a charity cream teas afternoon in the West End Sports & Social Club. All proceeds will be donated to Crohn's & Colitis UK, the leading charity in the battle against crohn's and colitis and other forms of inflammatory bowel disease. As well as cream teas there will be coffee and cake and a grand raffle.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Viola Mason, Diana Johns

RIP anniversaries: Marjorie Barraclough, Margaret Corbett, Mary Eccles, Vera Coffee, Doreen Alan

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below. All are welcome to use Christ Church for daily prayer.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	19		Jeremiah 36.19-end; Ps 44; Mark 1.1-13
Tuesday	20		Jeremiah 37; Ps 48; Mark 1.14-20
Wednesday	21		Jeremiah 38.1-13; Ps 119.57-80; Mark 1.21-28
Thursday	22		Jeremiah 38.14-end; Ps 57; Mark 1.29-end
Friday	23		Jeremiah 39; Ps 51; Mark 2.1-12

## PARISH CALENDAR

August		Time	Event
Sunday	18	4.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
Wednesday	21	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	22	1.30pm	Wedding: Jack Hartigan & Lottie Moffat
Saturday	24	Midday	West End Village Show St George's Cake & Bread Sale, St George's Church Christ Church Village Teas, West End Village Hall
Monday	26	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
Wednesday	28	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
September		Time	Event
Sunday	1	8.00am	8am Holy Communion, Christ Church 9am Sung Communion, St George's 10.30am All Age Service, Christ Church
Wednesday	4	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Friday	6	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	7	1.30pm	Wedding: Carly Perry & James Houselander
Monday	9	7.15pm	Choir practice resumes

## CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise