

**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*

**TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**19 AUGUST 2018**

**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**

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Chalice	Sue Langley
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by David
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Karen Harris, Peggy Howell-Jones, Fiona or David Owen
Reading	Rachel Barnett
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	Helen Coulson, Simon Donnan

**MUSIC**

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	584, 652, 690
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	584, 654, 652, 690
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

God of constant mercy,  
 who sent your Son to save us:  
 remind us of your goodness,  
 increase your grace within us,  
 that our thankfulness may grow,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**READING 1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14**

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God,

you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.’

### **PSALM 34.9-14**

9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.  
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.  
11 Come, O children, listen to me I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?  
13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.  
14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

### **GOSPEL John 6.51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

## PARISH NOTICES

**Interregnum** - Once Stefan is installed in Christleton on Saturday 13 September, we, the Parish of Esher, will officially go into a temporary period of being without a Rector, known as an Interregnum ('between reigns') or a Vacancy. The legal responsibility for the parish will rest with the churchwardens, Sandra Argent and Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, in conjunction with the remaining ministers and supported by the PCC. We will follow a process laid down by the Church of England to find and choose a new Rector. We will fully engage the parish in this process, will keep you informed of progress and will seek your views, feedback and opinions as and when appropriate.

**West End Village Show** - Please save the day, Saturday 25 August. Last year St. George's, West End and Christ Church together raised just over £2,200 with their legendary cake stalls and afternoon cream teas. We would love to exceed that figure but we need your help. It's all hands to the pump! We are pleased to say that David Gerrard will be running is usual bread stall selling a range of scrummy loaves! We are also pleased to say Stuart is hoping to provide entertainment in St George's and in the Village Hall. So please can you spare 1, 2, 3 hours on the Friday or Saturday or, alternatively, you can help by baking cakes or scones. Please sign-up at the back of the church. You can also sign-up via the Doodlepoll - <https://doodle.com/poll/cudu7bimundy4ybq> - please include a comment if you can bring cakes and scones. Thank you!

**Farewell to the Donnans** - We will be saying goodbye to Simon and Becky Donnan on Sunday 26 August. Simon and Becky have contributed considerably to parish life. Simon has been our PCC Secretary and Deputy Churchwarden whilst Becky has been our Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Noah's Ark volunteer. If you wish to sign a card or give to a collection please see Helen Coulson, Sandra Argent, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor or Will Stevens.

**8am Services at Christ Church** - During August the 8am services will be taking a break. The next 8am service will take place on Sunday 2 September. During the Interregnum we are currently planning to run an 8am service on the first Sunday of every month only.

**Morning Prayer** - We are pleased to say that Fiona Owen has kindly agreed to lead midweek morning prayer on a part time basis. Please check pewsheets and website for exact days. Fiona will also run morning prayer on some Sundays at 8am to give everyone a chance to come together more than once a month at 8am on Sundays - in the first instance these are 9 & 23 September and 14 October. Thank you.

**Choir** - Christ Church choir will take a breather until 9 September to rest their vocal chords!

**Buttons & Bows Charity Coffee Morning** - A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 15 September, 10am-1pm, in the West End Village Hall, West End, Esher. The charity coffee morning is raising funds for Canine Partners, a charity that provides life changing dogs to assist their partners with practical help for everyday tasks. Not only will there be coffee and cake, but also a grand raffle, a home-baked cake stall, 'name the doll', 'guess the weight of the cake' and lots of other stalls selling various wares.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Naomi Shaw, Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton

**RIP Anniversaries:** 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 (MP) are said at the times below. All are welcome to attend daily prayer at Christ Church.*

August		Time	Reading
Monday	20	9.00-9.30am	2 Samuel 11; Ps 98; Acts 8.26-end
Tuesday	22		2 Samuel 12.1-25; Ps 106; Acts 9.1-19a
Wednesday	23	9.00-9.30am	2 Samuel 15.1-12; Ps 111; Acts 9.19b-31
Thursday	24		2 Samuel 15.13-end; Ps 115; Acts 9.32-end
Friday	25		Genesis 28.10-17; Ps 86; John 1.43-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Wednesday	22	All day	Parish Office closed (22 Aug - 3 Sept incl.)
Saturday	25	12.30pm	West End Village Show St George's Cake & Bread Sale, St George's Church Christ Church Village Teas, West End Village Hall
		12.30pm	Wedding Blessing: Robert & Kate Brown, Christ Church
Monday	27	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
September		Time	Event
Tuesday	4	All day	Start of term at State Schools
		9.45am	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service
Wednesday	5	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services
Monday	10	7.15pm	Choir practices resume

## CONTACTS

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