

# 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*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

24 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

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Nate
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Nate and David
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Ann Willig
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Margaret Dane
Reading	Helen Coulson
Prayers	Colin Martin
Chalice	Margaret Dane
<b>MUSIC</b>	
Anthem	<i>Praise, O praise</i> (Martin How)
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	46, 120, 188
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	46, 120, 342, 188
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## READING Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## PSALM 105.1-6, 37-end

1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.  
3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.  
5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,  
6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
37 Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.  
38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.  
39 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.  
40 They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.  
41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.  
42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.  
43 So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.  
44 He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,  
45 that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

## GOSPEL Matthew 20.1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## PARISH NOTICES

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

**Peter Lindow** - It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Peter, a much loved member of our community, and particularly of West End. Please pray for Andrea and her family at this time. Peter's funeral service will be at St George's on Tuesday 3 October at 2.30pm. All welcome. Refreshments available in the West End Social Club afterwards.

**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.

**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. Our Harvest appeal collection will go to the Hunger Steals campaign run by Tearfund.

**Youth Group (Y5+)** - Youth Group will be meeting this afternoon at Esher Church School, 6pm to 7.45pm. If interested please email Kate Roux at kateroux@mac.com

**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.

**Fellowship Group Trip to St Albans** - Our trip to St Alban's will take place on Wednesday 11 October. St Albans Cathedral has welcomed pilgrims since the 11th century. The all day visit includes cathedral entrance, the coach trip and some free time. Estimated total cost £27 per person. Everyone is welcome. Please sign-up on the list in Christ Church.

**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.

**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:** Jackie Hinton

**RIP Anniversaries:** Cynthia Collis, Charles Orr, Leslie Norris, Bill Stevens, Betty Taylor, Nicholas Simmons

**RIP:** Peter Lindow, Margaret Williams

## 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	25	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 6.12-23; Ps 30; Mark 11.1-11
Tuesday	26	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 7.1-14; Ps 36; Mark 11.12-26
Wednesday	27	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 7.15-8.4; Ps 34; ; Mark 11.27-end
Thursday	28	9.00 - 9.30am	Wisdom 8.5-18; Ps 37; ; Mark 12.1-12
Friday	29		Tobit 12.6-end; Ps 150; Acts 12.1-11

## LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	24	11.00am	Youth Group, Esher Church School
Monday	25	11.00am	Wedding Blessing
Tuesday	26	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise resumes
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday	27	All day	Parish Office closed
Thursday	28	10.00am	Fellowship Group resumes
October		Time	Event
Sunday	1	9.00am	Harvest Service, St George's
		10.30am	Harvest Service, Esher Church School
Tuesday	3	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Wednesday	4	10.00am	l:Tea+Coffee Club
Sunday	8	3.00pm	Chertsey District Bellringers Programme meeting
		6.00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	10	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
		7.30pm	Alpha Course

## CONTACTS

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