

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

27 MAY 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

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Margaret Dane, Denise Howells
Reading	Miranda Fuller
Prayers	Martin Fuller
Chalice	Denise Howells
12.30pm	Baptism of Harry Poore at Christ Church led by Nate

MUSIC

Anthem	Holy, holy, holy (<i>Schubert</i>)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	276, 676, 603
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	276, 676, 603, 619
Organists	Nicholas Dibb-Fuller, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READING Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord

saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved

the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

May we encourage you to pray, please.

- thanksgiving for our children who undertook youth alpha and are engaging with our youth group
- for the development of vocations in our parish; thanksgiving for Fiona as she begins her Reader training; for those attending the Servant Course in June
- for people with a passion and vision for engaging with our community in the week
- for the leadership of the church; wisdom, discernment, courage and passion to lead the community in joining in with God's mission in Esher; for Becky, John and William who are joining the PCC
- for the spiritual and numerical growth of our two church communities
- for the governors of our two church schools; for the head teachers Cathy and Mike; for Dave our chaplain
- for the development of small, relevant groups in our parish and an associated culture that will help make disciples of Jesus Christ; for those who will attend the Bible Course this Summer
- for the development of a communities prayer life

PARISH NOTICES

The Bible Course - New to the bible or want to go deeper? The eight session Bible Course is for you. It will begin on Tuesday 5 June, 7.30-9pm at Christ Church, and will continue every Tuesday until Tuesday 24 July. The course will show how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. Sign up in church or register at <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/bible-course>.

Nate is moving on - Subject to the Bishop's approval, Nate is to become the Assistant Vicar of St. Mary's, East Molesey. Nate's last service on Sunday 24 June will be followed by a bring and share lunch. All are welcome. To help with the lunch, sign Nate's leaving card and contribute to his leaving gift please speak with one of our churchwardens. Thank you.

Sunday 24 June - There will only be one 10.30am service at Christ Church on this day. No other services will run. This will be Nate's last service in the Parish.

Elisabeth Hughes - We are sad to announce the passing of Elisabeth. A celebration of her life will take place at Christ Church on Wednesday 27 June at 2pm.

A Big Thank You! - Thank you to Helen Vernon, Rebecca Warner, Sandra Argent, Wendy Tanqueray and Brenda Knight who pulled together to lead us in offering hospitality for the Esher May Fair. We raised a respectable £256. Your efforts were deeply appreciated.

Christ Church Pews - Some strongmen kindly helped moved the pews in preparation for the Royal Wedding screening and the Esher May Fair. Please can we make a plea for some help again after the service to move the pews back into place. Many, many thanks.

What Spiritual Gifts have you been given? - These links, also available from our parish website, may help you discern them. Work through the following document carefully and prayerfully - http://www.cpas.org.uk/uploaded_media/web_upload/SHAPE%20Spiritual%20Gifts-1272275788.pdf. Alternatively this page gives links to two online surveys (and books) which may help you discern your spiritual gifts - <https://www.cpas.org.uk/advice-and-support/exploring-call/your-shape/spiritual-gift#.Wv2zLRwh1ph>. If you would like to discuss your results Stefan would be happy to share a coffee or drink with you to this end.

Picnic on the Green - Please join in the fun with organised arts/crafts, games, multi-sports and football at Lower Green, Esher, on Wednesday 30 May, Noon - 2pm. Bring a picnic and have some family fun. You are invited to join in raising funds for the Lower Green Community Centre through the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lowergreenc/>.

Music on the Green's lunchtime concerts - MOTG's monthly concert series continues to draw good crowds. Part of this success is due to the excellent catering. It isn't 'cordon bleu' cooking, just some good shopping bargains! It would be good to get more helpers. If you can help please speak to Stuart Whatton or to Melanie in the Parish Office.

Music Live Concert - The Weybridge Male Voice Choir will be performing on Saturday 23 June, 7pm, at St Peter's Church, Hersham. Tickets £10, under 16s £5. Call 01932 253452.

Lost Property - Our lost property collection is growing and includes some items of value.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: David Lankey, Michael Gilmore, Peter Dickson, Alice Biden, Sheila Haslett

Baptism: Harry Poore

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.

May/June		Time	Reading
Monday	28		Joshua 7.1-15; Ps 1; Luke 10.25-37
Tuesday	29		Joshua 7.16-end; Ps 5; Luke 10.38-end
Wednesday	30		Joshua 8.1-29; Ps 119.1-32; Luke 11.1-13
Thursday	31		Deuteronomy 8.2-16; Ps 147; 1 Corinthians 10.1-17
Friday	1		1 Samuel 2.1-10; Ps 85; Mark 3.31-end

LOOKING AHEAD

May		Time	Event
Monday	28	All day	Spring Bank Holiday
		All day	Parish Office closed (28 - 31 May incl.)
Tuesday	29	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
June		Time	Event
Tuesday	5	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		7.30pm	The Bible Course, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
Friday	8	Midday	Interment
Sunday	10	5.30pm	The Pioneers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	12	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		7.30pm	The Bible Course, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	13	2.00pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	14	10.00am	Fellowship Group

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise