

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

27 AUGUST 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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom, and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan and David
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Denise Howells
Reading	Gill Barnett
Prayers	Juliet Philip
Chalice	Denise Howells
12.30pm	Baptism of Molly Mary Brittain at Christ Church led by Nate

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	422, 158, 270
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	422, 282, 158, 270
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

READING Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out

like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

PSALM 138

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.'

PARISH NOTICES

West End Summer Show - A very big thank you to everybody who helped with the Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall and the Cake, Gift and Bread Stalls in St George's. A great success and a mammoth undertaking! Well done to all. Thank you.

A Gardening Thank You - We have weed free ground gutters, tidy flowerbeds and a newly planted rockery at Christ Church all thanks to Ian Royce, Erica Watkins and Carol & Malcolm Calvert. It is so important that these small jobs are done helping to ensure the church and grounds are maintained. Thank you Ian, Erica and Carol & Malcolm.

Alpha Course - We will be running an evening Alpha Course - starting on Tuesday 12 September and continuing on Tuesdays for a total of ten weeks. This course will also serve as our adult confirmation classes for this year. For more information speak with Nate or Stefan and if interested please complete the registration form on the parish website - www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/alpha-course-0.

Save the Date! - Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford, will be joining us and leading our 10.30am worship on 17 September 2017. Please do join us on this special occasion.

Ladies Coffee Morning & Ladies Drinks Night - Due to a clash (whoops!) the Ladies Drinks Night will move to Monday 11 September from 7.30pm. In addition there will be a Coffee Morning, same day, from 10am to midday. You are very welcome to attend one or both (with the usual lady proviso, sorry gentlemen)! Please email your RSVP (dpcollier@me.com) or sign-up in church. Thanks!

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, has the longest nave in England and is famous for its Romanesque architecture. The all day visit includes a private guided tour, the return coach trip and some free time. Estimated total cost £27 per person. Everyone is welcome. Please sign-up on the list in Christ Church.

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

Esher's Princess - A free talk on HRH Princess Charlotte of Wales (1796-1817) will be given by Stephen Chater at St George's Church, Esher on Saturday 9 September at 2.30pm. The Church will be open from 11.00am. Retiring collection. All welcome.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Dr Margaret Williams, Rob McCulloch, Jackie Hinton, Zak Gillard, Mary Teague, Peter Lindow, Carol Henderson

RIP Anniversaries: Richard Coulson, Victoria Cobb, Ivy Fairhead, Tim Walter, Felix Palmer, Sidney Fairhead, John Meek, Jennifer McKerracher, Roger Simmons, David Melliar-Smith

Baptism: Molly Mary Brittain

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.

Aug/Sept	Time	Reading
Monday 28		Proverbs 8.1-21; Ps 80; Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday 29	9.00 - 9.30am	Proverbs 8.22-end; Ps 89.1-18; Mark 5.21-34
Wednesday 30		Proverbs 9; Ps 119.105-128; Mark 5.35-end
Thursday 31	9.00 - 9.30am	Proverbs 10.1-12; Ps 92; Mark 6.1-13
Friday 1	9.00 - 9.30am	Proverbs 11.1-12; Ps 88; Mark 6.14-29

LOOKING AHEAD

August	Time	Event
Monday 28	All day	August Bank Holiday
September	Time	Event
Tuesday 5	9.30am	Esher High School Year 7 Welcome Service
Wednesday 6	9.00am	Esher High School Welcome Services
Saturday 9	All day	Surrey Churches Ride+Stride
Monday 11	10.00am	Ladies Coffee Morning, The Rectory
	7.30pm	Ladies Drinks Night, The Rectory
Tuesday 12	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook Care Home
	7.30pm	Alpha Course
Sunday 17	10.30am	Bishop Andrew leading our worship
Tuesday 19	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

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise