

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

28 JULY 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. Caroline Mullins
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Sue Langley
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd. Caroline Mullins
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Sue Dunne, Guy Harris
Reading	David Stark
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	Sue Dunne, Pam Stark
Refreshments	Oliver Dickinson, David Stark

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	632 (omit v5,6), 451, 721
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	632 (omit v5,6), 787, 451, 721
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>O God, your goodness</i> (Beethoven)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you such good things as pass our
understanding: pour into our hearts such
love toward you that we, loving you
in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole

place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

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 Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Caroline Mullins for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Sunday 4 August - Due to the Prudential RideLondon cycle race it has reluctantly been decided that both the 9am Communion and the 10.30am All Age services will not run. This is due to access issues and availability of All Age leaders. We are sorry there will be no worship here this Sunday.

Church Street temporary lane closure - We have been notified by the CuVee VIII restaurant in Church Street, that they have applied to the Council for a temporary one lane road closure on Sunday 4 August to cater for the RideLondon cycle event.

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.

Sandown Park Racecourse Development - We have just received notification of an amended planning application for the major redevelopment of Sandown Park. If interested insert the application ref. no. 2019/0551 into the planning portal at www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/find-application/. Deadline is the 19 August.

Parish Office - The office is closed Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August inclusive.

Emily Oliver - It is with great sadness that we announce that Emily Oliver, aged 21, has recently passed away at Princess Alice Hospice. The cremation, led by William Allberry, will take place at Randalls Park Crematorium on 29 July at 1.15pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim and Debi Oliver at this very difficult time.

West End Village Show - Please save the date, Saturday 24 August. Last year St. George's, West End and Christ Church together 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 a few hours on the Friday or Saturday or, alternatively, you can help by baking cakes or scones? Please sign-up on the lists at the back of the Christ Church. 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.

Lightning Conductor - As a result of your great generosity we have raised the amount needed to repair the lightning conductor at Christ Church and ensure the safety of the building. Thank you to all.

Christ Church Organ - Unfortunately the organ failed just prior to a large wedding on Saturday 13 July. Thankfully we managed to get Watkins & Watson, our specialist pipe organ engineers, to visit. The drive coupling in the organ blower mechanism needed to be rebuilt to install a new internal bush (the old bush had failed due to metal fatigue). The organ is now working perfectly. Phew!

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP anniversaries: Doreen Coslett, James Morrison, Rebecca Szepietowski, Anthony Pennie

RIP: Emily Oliver

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.

July/August		Time	Reading
Monday	29		Esther 4; Ps 126; 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1
Tuesday	30		Esther 5; Ps 132; 2 Corinthians 7.2-end
Wednesday	31		Esther 6.1-13; Ps 119.153-end; 2 Corinthians 8.1-15
Thursday	1		Esther 6.14-end of 7; Ps 143; 2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5
Friday	2		Esther 8; Ps 144; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

PARISH CALENDAR

July		Time	Event
Monday	29	All day	Parish Office closed (29 July - 2 Aug incl.)
		7.15pm	No choir practice (practices resume 9 Sept)
Wednesday	31	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
August		Time	Event
Sunday	4	All day	Prudential RideLondon cycle event
		8.00am	No service, Christ Church
		9.00am	No service, St George's
		10.30am	No service, Christ Church
Wednesday	7	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Wednesday	14	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	18	4.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
Wednesday	21	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	22	1.30pm	Wedding: Jack Hartigan & Lottie Moffat
Saturday	24	Midday	Christ Church & St George's Church at the West End Village Show

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise