

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

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

29 SEPTEMBER 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.

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

10.30am	Harvest Service led by Revd Lynn Alsop
Music & Hymns	282, 787, 290
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	Be thou my vision (<i>Chilcott</i>)
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Jennifer Meade Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Peter Bedford
Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Stewart Henderson, Will Stevens
Refreshments	Will Stevens, Jennifer Meade
Musician	Stuart Whatton. Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in
their season: grant that we may use
them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for
our own well-being;
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 Deuteronomy 16.9-12

You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the festival of weeks to the Lord your God, contributing a freewill-offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the Lord your God. Rejoice before the Lord your God - you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, the Levites resident in your towns, as well as the strangers, the orphans, and the widows who are among you - at the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and diligently observe these statutes. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the alien: I am the Lord your God.

PSALM 146

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;
7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL Luke 16.19-end

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Lynn Alsop for leading our service. It is a joy to worship with you.

Harvest Service - Many thanks to our flower teams from Christ Church and St George's for the wonderful harvest display we see around us. We are also grateful to Waitrose for donating produce. All food donations from our joint Harvest service today will be given to our local East Elmbridge Foodbank. A big thank you to everyone!

Interregnum Update - It is hoped that the post of Rector for our parish is to be re-advertised soon with a closing date for all applications of 30 October. Interviews will take place during November. Your prayers that God's chosen person comes forward and for those involved in the process and the PCC are much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you. In the interim, Revd Sarb Klair, the curate at St Nicholas', Thames Ditton, will be taking a number of our services. Do please make him welcome.

Labor Omnia Vincit (*Hard work conquers all*) - Today we bid farewell to our parish organ scholar Nicholas Dibb-Fuller as he heads off to Clare College Cambridge to begin his maths degree. It's been a great joy having Nicholas' musical input on trumpet, organ, piano and voice over the past two plus years. We wish him all success in his future studies.

MOTG Concerts - Our next lunchtime concert at Christ Church is on Wednesday 16 October at 1.10pm, when the Marmara Piano Trio will treat us to Tchaikovsky's epic Piano Trio Opus 50. Also, do join us if you can for our next weekend concert, on Saturday 19 October at 8pm, featuring the Boyce Camerata in a lovely string-based programme of JS Bach, Boyce and Tchaikovsky (see flyers for details).

Parish Funding & Stewardship Campaign - We invite you all to understand our challenge and the need for regular giving to support all the work that we do here in our Parish and the Diocese. We hope that you will all feel able to share in the responsibility we have and to consider prayerfully how you can respond and support our regular giving. We shall be sharing this challenge with you today and next week to encourage everyone to help in whatever way they can.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - The Parish will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning in memory of Beverley, our late churchwarden. It will be after our Sunday service at Christ Church on Sunday 13 October. Please be ready to put your baking apron back on!

Esher Tiffin Club - All are welcome to join us at Esher Tandoori for lunch at 12.30pm today. Do let Will Stevens know if you will be attending on (wjtstevens@gmail.com).

Esher Church School - 'A happy, caring and successful school offering children a rich curriculum that encourages them to succeed.' If you would like your child to be part of it, please come along to the school's Open Event on Tuesday 1 October, 9.30am.

Vesper Sky In Concert - Following their enormously successful MOTG appearance in April, our very own Stewart & Carol Henderson, in company with Yvonne & David Lyon, will be reprising their unique collection of songs and poems at The Corner House Theatre, 116 Douglas Road, Surbiton KT6 7SB (opposite the Allberrys' home!) on Friday 11 October at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 on the door/£8 in advance from www.musicglue.com; all welcome.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP anniversaries: Nicholas Simmons, Winifred Peden, Jean Mumby, David Rennie

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.

Sept/Oct		Time	Reading
Monday	30		Zechariah 10; Ps 30; Mark 11.1-11
Tuesday	1		Zechariah 11.4-end; Ps 36; Mark 11.12-26
Wednesday	2		Zechariah 12.1-10; Ps 34; Mark 11.27-end
Thursday	3		Zechariah 13; Ps 37; Mark 12.1-12
Friday	4		Zechariah 14.1-11; Ps 31; Mark 12.13-17

PARISH CALENDAR

September		Time	Event
Sunday	29	12.30pm	Esher Tiffin Club, Esher Tandoori
		5.30pm	Pioneers, St Mary's, East Molesey
Monday	30	7.15pm	Choir practice
October		Time	Event
Wednesday	2	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	6	3.00pm	Chertsey District Bellringers Programme Meeting
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	7	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	8	2.30pm	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	9	2.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	13	11.45am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
		5.30pm	Pioneers, St Mary's, East Molesey
Monday	14	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	16	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Marmara Piano Trio

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise