

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

31 JULY 2022

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, Jennifer Meade
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Sandra Argent
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Lentement, from Grand Dialogue in C</i> (Marchand)
SG & CC hymns	584, 823, 826
SG & CC setting	Addington & Coulson
CC Communion music	<i>Prière à Notre-Dame, from Suite</i> <i>Gothique</i> (Boëllmann)
Anthem	<i>Cantate Domino</i> (James Chepponis)
Closing music	<i>Tocatta and Fugue in F</i> (Buxtehude)

THE COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

In today's Gospel reading (Luke 12.13-21) Jesus tells us to be on our guard against all kinds of greed 'for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Rather, he says, we are to strive to be 'rich towards God' – a teaching which calls for careful judgement as we make choices about our finances. In his book 'Be Not Afraid' Samuel Wells, Vicar of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in London, offers some questions to aid us in our discernment:

'How reluctant am I to lend my possessions to others? (Willingness to be generous is a pretty good indication of how much you recognise everything you have is ultimately on loan from God). Am I constantly looking out for ways in which others can enjoy what I own, or are my possessions a wall that insulates me from the strange and dangerous outside world? Does my enjoyment, my flourishing, my entertainment coincide with the joy of others, or does it come at others' expense? Does my wealth make me and others free, or does it make me and others a prisoner? Do I fundamentally want the things that everyone else can have as well?'

Those sorts of questions – Wells suggests – are a good way of exploring whether or not we are becoming 'rich towards God'. Some points to ponder this coming week, perhaps.

God bless,



READING Colossians 3.1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

READING Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

PSALM 49.1-12

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- 2 both low and high, rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
- 6 those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
- 7 Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.
- 8 For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,
- 9 that one should live on for ever and never see the grave.
- 10 When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling-places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
- 12 Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

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for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
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I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
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and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Amen. after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember. Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- It is no longer compulsory to wear a face covering at St George's, though please continue to wear one if you wish.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
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PARISH NOTICES

Choral Scholarship Scheme - The Parish is launching a new choral scholarship scheme to run alongside its two existing organ scholarships. We wish to appoint Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass choral scholars (ideally one per voice) to sing as part of its main parish choir of adult volunteers as well as, on occasion, independently. The scheme is particularly intended for young musicians of sixth form or university age, but we will consider applications from people at any stage in their musical careers. For full details please see Parish website under latest news, email the Parish Office or speak with our Stuart Whatton, our Director of Music.

Advance notice - Stewart and Carol Henderson will be reading some of Stewart's latest poetry at the cornerHOUSE, Surbiton, KT6 7SB on Saturday 22 October, 2022 at 7.30pm. They will be appearing 'in concert' with legendary, slide guitarist and songwriter, Bryn Haworth. Tickets £12 each are available from www.thecornerhouse.org.

Christ Church Foodbank- The emergency foodbank supports those in our Parish. We can supply emergency food for a week to all those in need. Referrals will be provided for further supplies. The foodbank is open 11-12pm every Wednesday. Refreshments provided. Please spread the word about the Foodbank and leave food in the Christ Church box so we can help those in need.

Zoom Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - The next Morning Prayer gathering on Zoom will be at 9am on Wednesday 7 September.

Ordained Ministry - A vocational retreat on 14-16 October led by Revd Haydon Wilcox explores ordained ministry. For details contact Columba's House (01483 766498 /admin@stcolumbashouse.org.uk).

West End Village Show - We are delighted that the Flower Show and Fête is back at West End on the Green after a two-year break and will be held on Saturday 27 August on the August Bank Holiday weekend! Please put the date in your diaries. As ever, we are seeking help in selling cakes in St George's and providing afternoon teas in the Village Hall, all to raise much needed funds for both our churches. Please sign up on the forms in either church. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Children & Families Worker - The closing date for applications for this role has now passed. An update will follow soon.

Prayers for our school children - Please pray for children going on to new schools and colleges. Pray for year groups moving up to new classes and on to new teachers. All will be embracing the challenges ahead.

Sunday School - Our Sunday School is taking a break for the Summer holidays. For it to continue in September we need new volunteers to help. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to be involved. Degrees in theology are not needed – just a love of being with little ones as they learn and grow!

Parish Office holiday - Melanie will take a week's break from Monday 8 to Friday 12 August inclusive. Please refer to the Parish website for alternative contacts.

Parish Giving - Our digital collection plate in Christ Church takes contactless and chip and pin payments. Donations can be made via the collection plate or cash or online by searching 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or via: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please do contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

PARISH NOTICES

Ukraine Donations - We are collecting urgently needed supplies for refugees and those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you have any of the items listed below, please leave at the back of Christ Church, which is now open every day. They will be delivered to a Ukrainian restaurant, the Prosperity Café, in Twickenham, a collection and distribution point for humanitarian aid.

Note clothes are not needed. Donations must be clean, organised and labelled if mixed. Sturdy packaging is essential. Many thanks for your kindness in these dark hours.

- large/medium sized backpacks
- camping mats, sleeping bags, torches
- warm blankets, all sizes
- thermal/base layer clothing, warm socks
- non-perishable/dry/canned food
- baby food/milk, bottles, wet wipes, nappies
- protein/energy bars, sweets
- non-perishable pet food
- painkillers (ibuprofen/paracetamol etc)
- cold/flu medicine (lemsips etc)
- wound dressings/gauze, non-woven plasters
- first aid medical kits, medical gloves, scissors
- disinfectants, antiseptics
- hot water bottles, insulated flasks
- feminine sanitary products
- power banks, cables (for charging mobiles)

Hosting Ukrainian families - The Diocese of Guildford is now working as a partner with the charity Citizens UK (www.citizensuk.org) to help with offering accommodation to refugees fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine. If anyone is hosting or considering hosting a Ukrainian family please do visit this page <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/i-am-resources/interested-in-supporting-ukraine>, where you can find more information and register your interest to host, in partnership with Citizens UK. This will help the Diocese provide support in the best way possible.

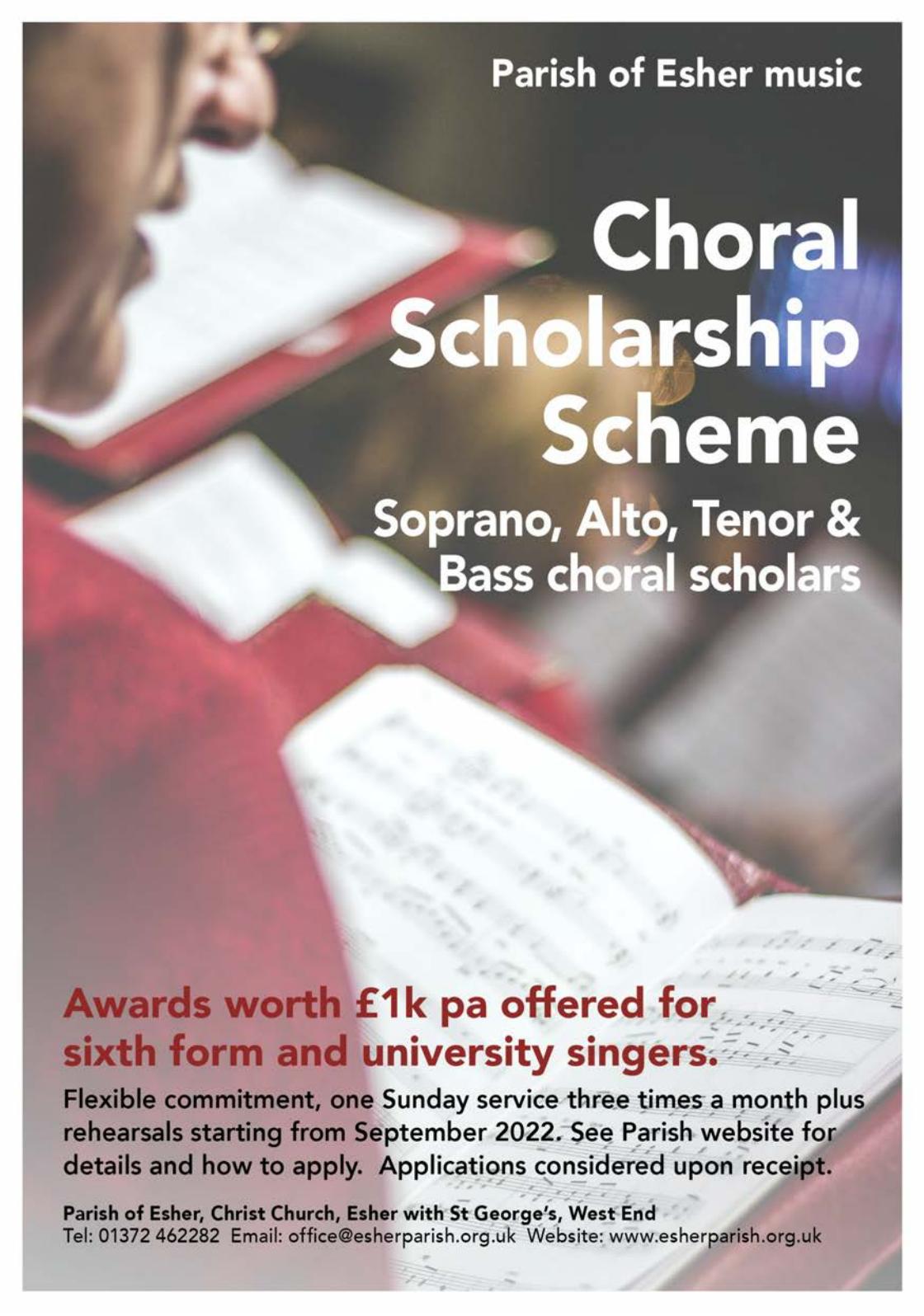
Esher Church School vacancies - Our wonderful Parish primary school has a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant in the School Office. It's for 3 or 4 days a week and in term time only. Contact the school for further information. The Board of Governors also has a vacancy for a Governor (volunteer). Please do speak with the Rector if you're interested in the governance role.

Weekly Parish Communication - An email is sent to church members every Friday with the Sunday pewsheets. To receive this please contact the Parish Office.

WhatsApp Scam - It is rare for us to mention scams but this one is worth drawing to your attention. Firstly to explain WhatsApp is a messaging application or app used only on mobiles. Criminals usually begin a message with 'Hello Mum, Dad etc' saying that they are texting from a new mobile number as the old phone is lost or damaged. They will ask for money to purchase a new phone, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill. They provide bank details for the payment to be made to. If you get an unusual request from a family member or friend on WhatsApp do always stop, think and call to speak to the person using the existing number you have for them to check the situation.

Parish Book Group - We will meet next on Tuesday 13 September at 4.30pm in Christ Church to discuss *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy. For information contact Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380/jandrewesher@gmail.com.

YouTube - You can watch (live or on 'catch-up') all the services at Christ Church on YouTube at www.youtube.com/eshparish and do subscribe so that you're always notified of new content. Many thanks to all who make these broadcasts possible.



Parish of Esher music

Choral Scholarship Scheme

Soprano, Alto, Tenor &
Bass choral scholars

**Awards worth £1k pa offered for
sixth form and university singers.**

Flexible commitment, one Sunday service three times a month plus rehearsals starting from September 2022. See Parish website for details and how to apply. Applications considered upon receipt.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Rebecca Szepietowski, Anthony Pennie

RIP: Jemima Warrington, Judith Freer, Brenda Mary Wilde, Susan Edwina Merrick

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

August		Time	Reading
Monday	1		1 Samuel 10.1-16; Ps 1; Luke 22.24-30
Tuesday	2		1 Samuel 10.17-end; Ps 5; Luke 22.31-38
Wednesday	3		1 Samuel 11; Ps 119.1-32; Luke 22.39-46
Thursday	4		1 Samuel 12; Ps 15; Luke 22.47-62
Friday	5		1 Samuel 13.5-18; Ps 19; Luke 22.63-end

LOOKING AHEAD

July		Time	Event
Sunday	31	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
August		Time	Event
Wednesday	3	11am-12pm	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	4	All day	Parish Office closed
Friday	5	2.15pm	Funeral of Brenda Mary Wilde, Randalls Park Crematorium
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	8	All day	Parish Office closed (Mon 8 - Fri 12 Aug incl.)
Wednesday	10	11am-12pm	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	11	11am	Funeral of Susan Edwina Merrick, Randalls Park Crematorium
Friday	12	3pm	Wedding rehearsal, Christ Church
Saturday	13	12.45pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
		2pm	Wedding of Matthew Woolgar & Dorothy Feray Panjaitan, Christ Church

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