

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

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

3 FEBRUARY 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 the church communities. Please do take it home.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Rev Andrew Cowie
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by the All Age Team
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Peter Hardy, Karen Harris
Reading	Caroline McDade
Prayers	Ruth or Dave Whymark
6.00pm	Candlemas at Old St George's Church led by David
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Pat Chapple
Reading	Brian Elliott

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	704, 706, 810
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	728, 587, 712
6.00pm	Candlemas
Hymns	710, 99 (v 1,3,4,5), 42
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we

prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

PARISH NOTICES

Candlemas Service - This service will be held at Old St. George's Church in Esher this evening at 6pm. Our Candlemas celebration recalls the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, and in our celebration we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate both the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. All are welcome to join us for a reflective and atmospheric evening. The Christ Church choir will be singing.

Interregnum - At the January Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting it was agreed that the Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell would be tasked with writing the Parish Profile & Statement of Needs with assistance from Mair Molteno, Helen Vernon and Rebecca Warner. Please do continue to pray for those involved and our Parish as we journey together through the interregnum process.

Bell Ringing News - We are pleased to announce the Bell Ringing team at Christ Church have just been awarded the Parsons Cup. It is awarded every year to one of the fifteen towers in the Chertsey District for making the most improvements. It was originally donated by David & Joyce Parsons (Egham) and first awarded in 1973. It used to be won by the top tower in the Striking Competition but it is now awarded for overall improvement in recruiting, training, striking and above all ringing for Sunday services. The team are stunned to receive this award and very pleased that the year of recruitment, training and dedication has been recognised. Well done everyone.

Cambridge Success - Congratulations to our parish organ scholar, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller, who has been offered a place to read Mathematics at Clare College Cambridge, subject to A level grades. Nicholas decided not to apply for an organ award, but still hopes to do plenty of music-making while he is at Cambridge as a respite from his algebra!

Fiona Owen - Please may we ask everyone to pray for Fiona as she continues her training to become a Licensed Lay Minister. Thank you.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome the exciting young flute/cello/piano ensemble, Cadran Trio, to Christ Church on Wednesday 20 February. They will entertain us with two contrasting trios by Haydn and Weber. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection.

Mother's Union Lady Day Service - We have been invited to parade with other parishes at this Diocesan Festival & Commissioning Service at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 25 March at 11am. The special invitation has been sent to parishes that have had Mother's Union branches in the past. We do not currently have any members so have been asked for a possible contact point – if anyone is interested? In the first instance why not attend Lady Day and parade our banner along with other banners - it is a fine sight apparently and very enjoyable. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton, Betty Walker, Yasmin Ingram, Margaret Williams, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Lindsay Handcock, Margaret Miller, Stuart Williams, Claire Trepess

RIP anniversaries: Jean Tesh, Alan Williams

RIP: Suzanne Armstrong-Kelsey

Ministry training: Fiona Owen is training to become a Licensed Lay Minister

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.

February		Time	Reading
Monday	4		1 Chronicles 10.1-11.9; Ps 2; John 13.1-11
Tuesday	5		1 Chronicles 13; Ps 5; John 13.12-20
Wednesday	6		1 Chronicles 15.1-16.3; Ps 119.1-32; John 13.21-30
Thursday	7		1 Chronicles 17; Ps 15; John 13.31-end
Friday	8		1 Chronicles 21.1-22.1; Ps 19; John 14.1-14

PARISH CALENDAR

February		Time	Event
Sunday	3	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Candlemas Service, Old St George's Church
Monday	4	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	6	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Friday	8	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	10	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	11	7.15pm	Choir practice
Thursday	14	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	16	10.00am	Bellringing visit
Monday	18	10.00am	Bellringing visit
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	20	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise