

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

4 FEBRUARY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Revd Jonathan Andrew
Musician	Stuart Whatton
All Age Eucharist	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Ivy Tang, Sean Cole
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, ECS pupils
Refreshments	Bob Lonnon, Jennifer Meade
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
Feast of Candlemas Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 6pm at Old St George's Church
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Jane Tyrrell, Helen Coulson
Sides	Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Helen Coulson, Jane Tyrrell
Musician	Stuart Whatton
MORNING SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Grazioso</i> (Betty Roe)
SG hymns	704, 676, 761
CC hymns	667 (omit v 3), 510, 477
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Arise, shine</i> (Elvey)
Closing music	<i>Prelude in E major, BWV 566</i> (Bach)
THE COLLECT	
Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through words and music, silence and sacrament. Some of us grew up in church and have never left. Some of us grew out of church, but are testing the waters again. Some of us have more questions than answers. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

## **READING Colossians 1.15-20**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **GOSPEL John 1.1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

### Psalms 104.26-end

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

27 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

28 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

29 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

30 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

31 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works –

33 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

35 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

36 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

## PARISH NOTICES

**Candlemas Service** - Everyone is welcome to a reflective and atmospheric service at Old St George's Church 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 him 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. The collection will be donated to the Churches Conservation Trust ([www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)) which takes care of Old St George's Church.

**First Aid Course** - Many thanks to Polly Jordan, one of our Safeguarding Officers, for organising our Parish First Aid Course for volunteers and staff. We hugely appreciated Polly's work and the support from her family for providing/serving refreshments and lunch..

**Christ Church Defibrillator** - During the first aid course it was emphasised to everyone the importance of a defibrillator in saving lives – from 6% to 75% survival. We will be prioritising the purchase and installation of one at Christ Church. St George's has an external one very close by at the West End Village Hall. Depending on model, supplier and servicing they cost about £1k. We are fundraising for this life saving equipment. To donate to the Parish First Aid Fund please scan the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



**Advent Appeal** - The parish raised £2,919 for the 'Friends of the Holy Land Appeal'. It is still possible to donate to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem by giving via the website: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**Sunday School** - During our All Age service in Christ Church, there's no Sunday School but we have a creche with activities for the children including Candlemas colouring!

**Youth Group** - The next Youth Group will be this afternoon, 4.30-6pm, at Christ Church, and will have a candle theme!

**Darren** - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. During this time for all enquiries, in the first instance, please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 7 February. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Book Group** - Our next meeting will be on Monday 26 February, 4pm, when we will discuss George Orwell's early memoir *Down and Out in Paris and London*. If you'd like to join us contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / [jandrewesher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewesher@gmail.com)

**Parish Giving** - Donate today via cash, the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code on the little pew cards.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am.

**Music on the Green** - Our next concert will be on Wednesday 21 February, 1.15pm

**Weekly Organ Meditations** - Barbara Wadley's organ series continues at St Mark's Church in Whiteley Village, KT12 4ES, with a musical journey through composers A-Z. Thursday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm. Free admission. Retiring collection for the historic organ. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.

**Parish of Esher services**

**Sunday 4 February, 6pm**

# **Feast of Candlemas**

**St George's Church  
Esher**

**Come and join us for our beautiful  
and atmospheric candlelit service.**

At this time of year we mark the Feast of Candlemas, one of the oldest Christian festivals, remembering the presentation of the infant Jesus at the Temple, with reflective music including a setting of the evening canticles.

**Parish of Esher - Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End**

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Eileen Armstrong, Jean Tesh, Alan Williams, Marion Cornie, Richard Loughrey, Phyllis Riley, Laurence Green

RIP: John Bosten, Rosalind Moysen (Wilkes), Eileen Pocklington

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

February		Time	Reading
Monday	5		Genesis 29.31-30.24, Ps 2, 2 Timothy 4.1-8
Tuesday	6		Genesis 31.1-24, Psalm 5, 2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wednesday	7		Genesis 31.25-32.2, Psalm 119.1-32, Titus 1
Thursday	8	9.30-10.30am	Genesis 32.3-30, Psalm 15, Titus 2
Friday	9		Genesis 33.1-17, Psalm 19, Titus 32

## LOOKING AHEAD

February		Time	Event
Sunday	4	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
		4.15pm	Choir practice, Old St George's Church
		6pm	Candlemas Service, Old St George's Church
Monday	5	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	7	11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	8	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	11	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	12		No choir practice, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

<b>PARISH OF ESHER</b> Christ Church, Church Street, Esher KT10 8QS <b>what3words location</b> ///frosted.forum.firms St George's Church, West End Lane, Esher, KT10 8LF <b>what3words location</b> ///sugars.hulk.chip <b>Website</b> www.esherparish.org.uk <b>Facebook</b> www.facebook.com/EsherParish <b>YouTube</b> www.youtube.com/esherparish <b>Instagram</b> www.instagram.com/esherparish/	<b>RECTOR</b> Revd Darren McCallig On Adoption Leave until 20/11/24. For parish enquiries contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.	<b>HONORARY ASSISTANT PRIESTS</b> Revd Jonathan Andrew & Ven David Gerrard
	<b>CHURCHWARDENS</b> Helen Coulson & Jane Tyrrell	<b>CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES WORKER</b> Kathryn Chapman youth@esherparish.org.uk
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Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		