

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

EASTER DAY

4 APRIL 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Sandra Argent, Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Jane Tyrrell, Janie McCulloch
Reader	Sandra Argent
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Alex Coutts Oliver Macfarlane

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Adagio from Symphonie V (Widor)</i>
Music & Hymns	A&M 205, 216, 218
Introsits	<i>I know that my Redeemer liveth (Handel)</i> <i>Surrexit Christus (Taizé)</i>
Anthem	<i>This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood)</i>
Closing Music	Toccata from Symphonie V (Widor)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In his book *Choose Life*,
the former Archbishop of
Canterbury Rowan Williams,
reminds us that Easter is not
just 'an odd fact from two thousand
years ago'. On the contrary, Easter
matters to every one of us 'and especially
to everyone who makes the great decision
to trust that what Jesus says is true and that
what Jesus does makes all the difference.'
In essence, believing in the Resurrection is:
'... trusting that there is a kind of life, a
kind of love and trust and joy that is the
very essence of Jesus' identity which is
now coming to life in you. And as it comes
to life, you begin to know that no amount
of pressure and stress and suffering in your
life has power in itself to break the bond
that has been created between you and
Jesus' life and activity. You are alive with
a fuller and deeper life than just your own.
Your resources are more than you could
ever have imagined.'

In other words, 'Jesus rises from the dead
so as to find not only his home in heaven
but his home in us.'

Wishing you the joy and peace of the
Risen Christ this Easter.

God bless,



READING Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the

other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him. 'When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

HYMNS

Jesus Christ is risen today

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia*,
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia*,
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia*,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

But the pains that he endured, *Alleluia*,
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia*.

The Day of Resurrection!

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness
the Passover of God;
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

We are very happy to have Christ Church open again for in-person public worship for our Easter Day service today. It is hoped that public worship will continue, and that services will recommence at St George's, West End in May. Please contact the Parish Office nearer the time for further information. Christ Church will also open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm.

Help & the Parish Office - The office will continue to work remotely. If you need support, do please let us know via the office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152. Many thanks.

Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line 24 hours a day. A Church of England initiative (in partnership with Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life).

Call to the Nation - The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, invite us to pray each day at 6pm to remember those who have died from COVID-19. For more details go to: [tps://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation)

'Time to Pray' App – This app presents everything you need, with variations for the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. To download the app go to <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- Individuals, households and support bubbles are asked not to 'mingle with others' before, during, or after the service.
- Sadly, congregational singing is still not permitted - Choir members will raise their beautiful voices on our behalf.
- 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.
- Face coverings/masks are required by law. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- 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' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside after the service.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you!

PARISH NOTICES

Happy Easter - May 1, Sandra and Helen, your Churchwardens, and the PCC wish you a very happy and blessed Easter.

Easter Card - Thank you to everyone who has delivered our Easter card across the Parish. Thanks to Will for organising it too.

Lent Appeal - Many thanks to everyone who has donated. We will aim to provide an update in the pewsheets shortly.

Music on the Green - Our next monthly concert on Wednesday 21 April will feature Duo Kottos on guitar and cello. Donations are always very welcome at www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG

Heart Stones - Here's an idea for these days in lockdown: paint a stone or pebble with something close to your heart. It could be words of hope and encouragement. It could be someone or something which helped you through these difficult times. It could be a painted prayer offered for those in need. Then, when you're out on your daily exercise, drop by Christ Church and add your 'Heart Stone' to the growing line around the building. Who knows we might be able to encircle the church with beautiful expressions of faith, hope and love!

Book Group - The next Zoom meeting will be at 4.30pm on Tuesday 6 April when we will discuss 'Black Dogs' by Ian McEwan. To join, contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or jandrewsher@hotmail.com.

Zoom Bible Reflection & Prayer - All are welcome to join this informal Zoom gathering at 9am on Tuesday mornings. Contact the Parish Office for details.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues on Wednesdays at 9am, led by Darren, on Zoom. All are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt - We are very excited to announce our first ever Easter Egg Hunt this Easter weekend. Do come along this afternoon or tomorrow, 2-4pm, and join us in the grounds of Christ Church on a hunt for some delicious eggs. Each child will also be given a free colouring booklet on the Easter message. We would love to see as many of you as possible. If you have any queries please contact Dave Whymark at davewhymark@aol.com.

Youth Group - Every Sunday at 6pm the Parish of Esher and St. Mary's East Molesey lead a Youth Worship service. Watch it along with us and then join a Zoom call, at 6.30pm for a catch-up and games. If you would like to receive the details for the Worship service video and the Zoom call contact Dave at davewhymark@aol.com

Parish Giving - Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity to the Parish of Esher. Like most parishes there's been pressure on our income recently, so if you're in a position to do so, please consider supporting our mission and ministry. Donations can be made today or via JustGiving at <https://www.justgiving.com/eshherparish>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

Ecclesiastical Home Insurance 2021 Offer - For every new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical Insurance they will donate £130 to the Parish of Esher through their Trust130 promotion. For details go to: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/trust130/>

InSpire - If you want to subscribe to our Parish newsletter, InSpire, please see go to <http://www.eshherparish.org.uk/?q=latestnews>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Jaeseok Yang, Headley Williams, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Shireen Sahni, Jennie Seller, Stewart Henderson, Revd Canon Christopher Scott

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Gilmore, Ken Hapgood, Elizabeth Warburg, John Bradish

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

April		Time	Reading
Monday	5		Song of Solomon 1.9-2.7; Ps 111; Mark 16.1-8
Tuesday	6	9.00-10.00am	Song of Solomon 2.8-end; Ps 112; Luke 24.1-12
Wednesday	7	9.00-10.00am	Song of Solomon 3; Ps 113; Matthew 28.16-end
Thursday	8		Song of Solomon 5.2-6.3; Ps 114; Luke 7.11-17
Friday	9		Song of Solomon 7.10-8.4; Ps 115; Luke 8.41-end

LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Saturday	3	2.00-4.00pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Christ Church
Easter Sunday		10.30am	Parish Communion Service for Easter Sunday, Christ Church
		2.00-4.00pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
Monday	5	2.00-4.00pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Christ Church
		7.15pm	No choir practice
Tuesday	6	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
		4.30pm	Book Group, Zoom
Wednesday	7	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open for private prayer
Sunday	11	10.30am	Parish Communion Service, Christ Church
		6.00pm	Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
Monday	12	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	13	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	14	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open for private prayer

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