

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7 APRIL 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Andrew Cowie
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Harriet Brooks
Chalice	Sue Lynn
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by Sandra Argent, Rebecca Warner & Polly Jordan
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Peter Hardy, Caroline McDade, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Caroline McDade
Prayers	Polly Jordan

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	593 (v1-3,7), 451, 669
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	134, 510 (v1,2,5), 160
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered
on the cross we may triumph in the
power of his victory;
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 Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

PSALM 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

GOSPEL John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

PARISH NOTICES

Palm Sunday - There are two Palm Sunday services on Sunday 14 April - at St George's, West End at 9am and at Christ Church at 10.30am. All are very welcome.

Easter Services - Our Maundy Thursday service will take place at St George's, West End on 18 April at 8pm. On Good Friday, 19 April, there will be a service commemorating the Last Hour at 2pm at Christ Church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our APCM will be held on Sunday 28 April at 12.30pm following the 10.30am service and a buffet lunch at Christ Church. It will share what has happened in the last year, where we are going and also the election of churchwardens and PCC members. It's an important day for us all to come together. Do please do join us.

Parish Electoral Roll Revision 2019 - The new Electoral Roll is now published and can be consulted at St George's and Christ Church. If you applied for inclusion on the new Roll, please check that your details are correctly recorded. Mistakes may be corrected, but no new names may be added until after the APCM on Sunday 28 April. Thank you.

Safeguarding Officer Role - We are extremely pleased to announce that Alison Mohamed and Polly Jordan have very kindly volunteered for this role and have agreed to job share. Many thanks Polly and Alison. Great stuff!

2019 Lent Appeal - This Lent we will be raising funds for Christian Aid, the official relief and development agency of 41 British and Irish churches. It works to support civil society, stop poverty, support sustainable development and provide disaster relief across the world. Collection envelopes are available. Please give generously. Thank you.

Vesper Sky In Concert - This special 'Music on the Green' event featuring our own Stewart & Carol Henderson, and with Yvonne & David Lyon, will take place in Christ Church on Saturday 13 April at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles from 7pm. Pre-booked tickets available from www.stewart-henderson.com at £10 each, or £12 on the door. *'A unique collection of songs and poems, tellingly nuanced performances'* folkradio.co.uk

Easter Eggs - We are selling Real Easter Eggs at the 9am and 10.30am services. Made of Fairtrade chocolate they include an Easter story book and support charitable projects.

Music in the Tower - For this Holy Week highlight of our annual cultural calendar we feature the soothing sounds of the flute and guitar from the Meraki Duo with a programme entitled 'Calm amidst Turbulent Times'. Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 April at 1pm & 8pm. Tickets £10. For seat reservations contact the Parish Office or sign up on the list in Christ Church.

Vacancy for Treasurer - After three years' service Duncan Clerkin is stepping down. We are now looking for a volunteer to become our new treasurer, carry on the excellent work Duncan has undertaken and focus on the strategic financial management working closely with our bookkeeper, Valerie Ahern. If you are interested please speak with Duncan, 07766 460454, or Sandra Argent, our Churchwarden, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Interregnum - The Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell are now 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 a whole.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Margaret Williams

RIP anniversaries: Peter Gilmore, Ken Hapgood, Elizabeth Warburg, John Bradish, Ann Boreham, Peter van Tol

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.

April		Time	Reading
Monday	8		Jeremiah 21.1-10; Ps 73, John 11.28-44
Tuesday	9		Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19; Ps 35; John 11.45-end
Wednesday	10		Jeremiah 22.20-23.8; Ps 55; John 12.1-11
Thursday	11		Jeremiah 23.9-32; Ps 40; John 12.12-19
Friday	12		Jeremiah 24; Ps 22; John 12.20-36a

PARISH CALENDAR

April		Time	Event
Monday	8	7.00pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	9	2.30pm	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		7.30pm	Deanery Prayer with Bishop Andrew, St Peter's Church, West Molesey
Wednesday	10	2.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	11	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	13	7.30pm	Music on the Green evening concert: Vesper Sky in Concert
Sunday	14	9.00am	Palm Sunday Service, St George's
		10.30am	Palm Sunday Service, Christ Church
Monday	15	7.15pm	No choir practice
Tuesday	16	1.00pm	Music in the Tower I
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower II
Wednesday	17	1.00pm	Music in the Tower III
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower IV

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise