

# 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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 APRIL 2018

## 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.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and  
peace, to the praise of God the Father.  
**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by David
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Margaret Dane
Reading	Jan Sayer
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Margaret Dane

## MUSIC

Anthem	The strife is o'er ( <i>Ley</i> )
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	158, 324, 432
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	158, 272, 473, 432
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## READING Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea

and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn

the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

### **PSALM 133**

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

## **GOSPEL John 20.19-end**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

*May we encourage you to pray, please.*

- for our children undertaking youth alpha and engaged in our youth group
- for the development of vocations in our parish
- for people with a passion and vision for engaging with our community during the week
- for the leadership of the church; wisdom, discernment, courage and passion to lead the community in joining in with God's mission in Esher
- for the spiritual and numerical growth of our two church communities
- for the governors of our two church schools
- for the development of small, relevant groups in our parish and an associated culture that will help make disciples of Jesus Christ
- for the development of a communities prayer life

## PARISH NOTICES

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - Our APCM will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 8pm at Christ Church. It shares with all what has happened in the last year, something of where we are going and also the election of churchwardens and PCC members. It's an important day for us all to come together. Thank you.

**Parochial Church Council Members** - With the APCM meeting on the horizon may we ask you to pray, reflect and consider whether God is calling you to serve on the PCC. We likely need around five new members. Special interests needed include communications, finance, volunteer/event management, building management, digital computer skills and fundraising. Thank you. If interested please do speak to Stefan or a member of the PCC and familiarise yourself with the codes of conduct and expectation available upon request.

**Induction of New Hymn Books** - This will take place on the transferred feast of St George's on Sunday 22 April at our 9am and 10.30am Eucharistic Services.

**Songs of Praise** - Please join us for a special celebratory event at each church to mark the adoption of our new parish hymn books. Format will be similar to the BBC Songs of Praise programme, with selected parishioners introducing their favourite hymns and some hearty communal singing! Saturday 21 April, 4pm at West End/5.30pm at Christ Church.

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** - Many of you will have received an email about GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May. Please do action as soon as possible. If you haven't and would like the parish to be able to communicate with you, receive the parish e-newsletter, please do visit <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr> and complete the secure registration form, for without your specific consent we are not able to communicate with you after 25 May. Thank you.

**The Bible Course** - New to the bible or want to go deeper? The eight session Bible Course is for you and is coming in June 2018. It shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. Register at <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/bible-course>

**Toddlers' Praise & Noah's Ark** - Start back on Tuesday 17 April and Sunday 22 April.

**Spring Clean at St George's** - Come and join us at St George's on Saturday 21st April at 10am when we will be giving our little church, and garden, its annual Spring clean! This is a fun event, in which all ages can participate. Just bring your buckets, mops, gloves or secateurs and we will supply you with refreshments, and a laugh or two, to keep you going! Looking forward to seeing you.

**May Days** - Please save Saturday 19 May for the Royal Wedding - we are planning a surprise! Esher May Fair is on Sunday 20 May - we will need volunteers and bakers, please!

**Electoral Roll** - The updated Electoral Roll can be viewed in the Parish Office.

*Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

**RIP Anniversaries:** Peter Gilmore, Ken Hapgood, Elizabeth Warburg, John Bradish, Ann Boreham, Peter van Tol, Gerald Garratt

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

*Taken from the Church of England Lectionary - readings for Morning Prayer (MP) are said at the times below. All are welcome to join Nate and Stefan in daily prayer at Christ Church.*

April		Time	Reading
Monday	9	9.00-9.30am	1 Samuel 2.1-10; Ps 111; Romans 5.12-end
Tuesday	10	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 15.22-16.10; Ps 8; Colossians 1.15-end
Wednesday	11	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 16.11-end; Ps 30; Colossians 2.1-15
Thursday	12	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 17; Ps 28; Colossians 2.16-3.11
Friday	13		Exodus 18.1-12; Ps 61; Colossians 3.12-4.1

## LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Tuesday	10	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	11	12.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	12	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Monday	16	All day	<i>Start of term at State Schools</i>
Tuesday	17	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	18	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: 2Nation Percussion Duo
		8.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Christ Church
Saturday	21	4.00pm	Songs of Praise, St George's
		5.30pm	Songs of Praise, Christ Church
Sunday	22	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	24	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Thursday	26	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	28	3.00pm	Interment
Sunday	29	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School

## CONTACTS

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***All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise***