

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

15 MARCH 2020

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.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion led by Revd Sarb Klair and John Sandison
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Sandra Simpson
Setting	Addington
Music & Hymns	631, 763, 781(omit v2)
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

10.30am	Sung Communion led by Revd Sarb Klair and John Sandison
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading	Jill Woolgar
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Margaret Dane, Pam Stark
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Vicky Jenkins
Setting	Addington
Music & Hymns	763, 131, 631, 781
Anthem	<i>If ye love me</i> (Tallis)
Musician	Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to
follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to

stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested , saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

PSALM 95

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!
- 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.’
- 11 Therefore in my anger I swore, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’

GOSPEL John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one

you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?'

Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Sarb Klair for visiting us today and leading our services. It is always a joy to worship with you.

New Rector - We are delighted to have Revd Darren McCallig as our new Rector. Darren comes to us from his previous post as Senior Chaplain in the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway. His Induction Service will be on Monday 23 March at 7.30pm in Christ Church. Please do your best to attend to give a warm welcome to Darren and his wife Annilese.

Induction Service - We will need plenty of people to welcome, to be sidespeople and prepare and serve refreshments during and after the service on Monday 23 March. Please speak to Helen Coulson if you would be able to help in anyway at all.

Christ Church Spring Clean - We are having a working party on Saturday 21 March from 9.30 to 12.00 to spring clean Christ Church before Darren's induction service. There is plenty to do according to ability, so please do sign up and join us. We will definitely need some able men to help with cobweb cleaning and managing the ladders. Coffee and refreshments will be provided, so do join us to tidy up the church and make it welcoming to all. Sign-up sheet on the table by the font.

2020 Lent Appeal - Our Lent Appeal is in aid of the East Elmbridge Foodbank. Appeal envelopes are available and in Christ Church there is a box for the following: long life milk, instant coffee, sugar, instant food packets (microwave rice, noodles), toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, shampoo), household items (washing, cleaning products), toilet rolls (2/4 packs). Please give generously. Thank you.

Mothering Sunday - On Sunday 22 March we celebrate and thank our mothers for all they do. Please do join us at St George's at 9am and Christ Church at 10.30am. Both services are identical family Eucharist services.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Church Policy - We have implemented a Parish of Esher Policy to provide guidance to help keep our Churches as safe during the Coronavirus outbreak. This includes modifications to Communion and The Peace, as well as information on hygiene and contact numbers for support. The Policy is on the noticeboards and hard copies are available. If you would like a copy emailed please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you from Jenny - Jenny Gerrard thanks everyone for their warm wishes and prayers. She says she is proof of the power of prayer because she feels perfectly fine.

Update from Melanie - Thank you to everyone for their kind wishes and prayers. Also to all those who helped keep the Parish of Esher ship sailing. It has been a very difficult time particularly after the past two years of anxiety. My Father, Michael Williams, was the mainstay of our family or, to use his phrase, the 'backbone'. He leaves a thumping big hole in our lives. Simon, my partner, is having a third operation on his arm on Tuesday 17 March. I was at my Mother's in Exeter so was unable to help Simon post operation so his arm dislocated again due to him overdoing it. Hopefully it will be third time lucky - but only if he rests. To add to the family sadness my Father's sister, Sally, has just passed away having only last week been diagnosed with cancer in her spine. For those who might be interested both churches have a copy of the order of service, a summary of my Father's life and my thank you to him. With love, Melanie

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, David Parcell, Maureen O'Brien, Jim McCann

RIP anniversaries: Robert Tesh, Mark Allen, Lorna Evans, Josephine Morgan, Charles Wilson, Geoffrey Venables

RIP: Brian Mason and Melanie's Aunt, Sally Farmer

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.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	16		Genesis 47.1-27; Ps 126; Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tuesday	17		Genesis 47.28-end of 48; Ps 9; Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Wednesday	18		Genesis 49.1-32; Ps 38; Hebrews 6.13-end
Thursday	19		Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps 25; Matthew 13.54-end
Friday	20		Exodus 1.1-14; Ps 22; Hebrews 7.11-end

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
Sunday	15	12.15pm	Special choir practice for Induction Service
		6.00pm	Pioneers, St Mary's Church, East Molesey
Monday	16	7.00-9.00pm	Extended choir practice
Tuesday	17	All day	Parish Office closed
Wednesday	18	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Laefer Saxophone Quartet
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Friday	20	All day	Parish Office may be closed
Saturday	21	9.30am	Christ Church Spring Clean
Sunday	22	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	23	6.00pm	Choir call
		7.30pm	Institution Service of Revd Darren McCallig as Rector of Esher

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise