

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 EASTER

15 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Nate and John Sandison
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Chalice	Sue Lynn
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan and John Sandison
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Peggy Howell-Jones, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Miranda Fuller
Prayers	Martin Fuller
Chalice	To be confirmed
MUSIC	
Anthem	Cantate Domino (<i>Pitoni</i>)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	532, 495, 270
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	532, 495, 309, 270
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

READING Zephaniah 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

PSALM 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

2 How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*

3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'

7 You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

GOSPEL Luke 24.36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a

piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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>

Christ Church Car Park - The car park has been prepared for the line marking of car parking bays on Monday 23 April. Please avoid using the car park on this day. Thank you

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 21 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: Kathleen Portch, Mary Hartnell

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	16	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 19; Ps 96; Luke 1.1-25
Tuesday	17	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 20.1-21; Ps 98; Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	18	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 24; Ps 105; Luke 1.39-56
Thursday	19	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 25.1-22; Ps 136; Luke 1.57-end
Friday	20	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 28.1-4a, 29-38; Ps 107; Luke 2.1-20

LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
Sunday	15	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
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
	May	Time	Event
Tuesday	1	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise