

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 BEFORE LENT

17 FEBRUARY 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

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Gerard Harper
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by David
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Miranda Fuller
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	Martin Fuller, Stewart Henderson

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	584, 729, What a friend we have in Jesus
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	584, 810, 729, What a friend we have in Jesus
Anthem	<i>O nata lux</i> (Tallis)
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful
humanity: give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world, our hearts may surely there be
fixed where true joys are to be found;
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 Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

PSALM 1

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

GOSPEL Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday - There will be an Ash Wednesday Communion Service with ashing led by David Gerrard on Wednesday 6 March at 8pm at Christ Church. All are welcome.

Interregnum - At the January Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting it was agreed that the Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell would be tasked with 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 we journey together through the interregnum process.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome the exciting young flute/cello/piano ensemble, Cadran Trio, to Christ Church on Wednesday 20 February. They will entertain us with two contrasting trios by Haydn and Weber. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection.

Fellowship Group - We meet to refresh our spirituality, to share thoughts on the meaning and purpose of life. We share our concerns for our neighbours, the community and society in which we live, and we bring to prayer those in need of God's love, healing and support. All this in a relaxed atmosphere of humour and friendship led by Jan Sayer. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the Lady Chapel in Christ Church at 10am. Next meeting is Thursday 28 February. Always check the calendar overleaf. Do think about coming - all are very welcome.

Voyagers & Pioneers - Both Youth Groups are led by Dave Whymark and continue to meet at Esher Church School, on alternating Sundays, 5.30-7pm. All children Y4+ can attend. They have lots of fun so do think about it if you have some 'bored' young people at home. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Old St George's Church - Esher's only Grade 1 listed building, has for many years been welcoming visitors on Saturdays from 11am until 3pm between April and September. The Friends of St George's rely entirely on the willingness of volunteer guides to open and close the church, and to greet visitors as they arrive and answer their questions. Guiding provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about Esher, its inhabitants and its history. Additional guides are being sought to fill current vacancies. Each guide is allocated a two-hour session on no more than two or three Saturdays per season. Training can be provided, if desired. Anyone interested should contact the Guides Coordinator, Stephen Chater, on stephenchater@btinternet.com or via the Parish Office.

Mother's Union Lady Day Service - We have been invited to parade with other parishes at this Diocesan Festival & Commissioning Service at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 25 March at 11am. The special invitation has been sent to parishes that have had Mother's Union branches in the past. We do not currently have any members so have been asked for a possible contact point - if anyone is interested? In the first instance why not attend Lady Day and parade our banner along with other banners - it is a fine sight apparently and very enjoyable. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Betty Walker, Yasmin Ingram, Margaret Williams, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Margaret Miller, Claire Trepess, Naomi Shaw

RIP anniversaries: Eric Williams, Joyce Meek

RIP: Suzanne Armstrong-Kelsey

Ministry training: Fiona Owen is training to become a Licensed Lay Minister

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.

February		Time	Reading
Monday	18		2 Chronicles 2.1-16; Ps 44; John 17.1-5
Tuesday	19		2 Chronicles 3; Ps 48; John 17.6-19
Wednesday	20		2 Chronicles 5; Ps 119.57-80; John 17.20-end
Thursday	21		2 Chronicles 6.1-21; Ps 57; John 18.1-11
Friday	22		2 Chronicles 6.22-end; Ps 54; John 18.12-27

PARISH CALENDAR

February		Time	Event
Monday	18	10.00am	Visit by Sussex County Association of Bellringers
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	19	8.00pm	West End Committee Meeting, Member's house
Wednesday	20	12.30 for 1.10pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert
Sunday	24	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	25	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	27	11.30am	Funeral: Suzanne Armstrong-Kelsey
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	28	10.00am	Fellowship Group
March		Time	Event
Sunday	3	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	4	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	6	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday	10	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise