

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 EPIPHANY

20 JANUARY 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 the church communities. Please do take it home.

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Revd Danny Wignall
Reading & Prayers	Sue Haycroft
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Danny Wignall
Churchwarden	John Sandison
Sides	Sandra Argent, Hannah Emerson, Karen Harris
Reading	Jan Sayer
Prayers	Juliet Philip
Chalice	Hannah Emerson, Will Stevens

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	103, 506, 765
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	103, 358, 506, 765
Anthem	<i>Kings in Glory</i> (Martin Shaw)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

PSALM 36.5-10

5 Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

10 O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Danny Wignall for visiting us today and leading our services. It was a joy to worship with you.

Candlemas Service - This service will be held at Old St. George's Church in Esher on Sunday 3 February at 6pm. Our Candlemas celebration recalls the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, and in our celebration we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate both the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. All are welcome to join us for a reflective and atmospheric evening. The Christ Church choir will be singing.

Interregnum - The Parochial Church Council (PCC) attended a constructive Diocesan Vision Day last Saturday led by Revd Danny Wignall. They will now begin preparations for writing the Parish Profile and Statement of Needs. Please do continue to pray for all those involved and for the Parish as we continue the journey together through the interregnum process.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - This is traditionally observed around the 18 to 25 January - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. If interested please do go to ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer for more information.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome the exciting young 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.

Can Faith Institutions Save our Planet? - "As Christians we are called to be stewards of God's wonderful creation. The challenges facing this creation are numerous and well reported, but there are plenty of small steps that we can take to help care for our planet. Often this starts with ourselves, as individuals and churches." +Andrew Join Bishop Andrew and Shaukat Warraich (CEO of Faith Associates) to discuss how we can tackle and raise awareness of environmental issues from a faith perspective. Taking place at HG Wells Conference Centre, Woking on Tuesday 12 February, 6.30pm-9pm. Please book via Diocese of Guildford website.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton, Betty Walker, Yasmin Ingram, Margaret Williams, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Lindsay Handcock, Margaret Miller

RIP Anniversaries: David Fairhead, Mike Barnett, Muriel Whelan, Joan Samuel, Norah Bloore

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.

January		Time	Reading
Monday	21		Amos 6; Ps 146; 1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tuesday	22		Amos 7; Ps 106; 1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Wednesday	23		Amos 8; Ps 81; 1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thursday	24		Amos 9; Ps 76; 1 Corinthians 7.25-end
Friday	25		Ezekiel 3.22-end; Ps 66; Philippians 3.1-14

PARISH CALENDAR

January		Time	Event
Sunday	20	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	21	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	23	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	24	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Friday	25	All day	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes
Sunday	27	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	28	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	30	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
February		Time	Event
Sunday	3	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Candlemas Service, Old St George's, Esher
Monday	4	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	6	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	7	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	10	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise