

# 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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 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

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Nate
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Stefan and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Harriet Brooks
Chalice	Stephen Lee
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Peggy Howell-Jones, Hugh Miller, Denise Howells, John Sandison
Reading	Hugh Miller
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	Sue Dunne

## MUSIC

Anthem	Come ye faithful ( <i>Thatcher</i> )
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	753, 212, 601
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	753, 221, 212, 194
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of hosts,  
who so kindled the flame of love  
in the heart of your servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:  
give us the same faith and power of love  
that we who rejoice in his triumphs  
may come to share with him the  
fullness of the resurrection;  
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 1 Maccabees 2.59-64

Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael believed and were saved from the flame. Daniel, because of his innocence, was delivered from the mouth of the lions. 'And so observe, from generation to generation, that none of those who put their trust in him will lack strength. Do not fear the words of sinners, for their splendour will turn into dung and worms. Today they will be exalted, but tomorrow they will not be found, because they will have returned to the dust, and their plans will have perished. My children, be courageous and grow strong in the law, for by it you will gain honour.

## PSALM 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

## GOSPEL John 15.18-21

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world - therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

## 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

**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>.

**Apologetics Sermon Series** - Through June and July we will be undertaking a nine week sermon series on Apologetics. Exploring questions such as - Is there a God? Why does God allow pain and suffering? Who is Jesus? Is Christianity the only faith? Is there a conflict between science and religion? Please pick up a flyer and see the website for more details.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - Thank you to all those that attended the APCM on Wednesday, thank you for all questions and suggestions. Also thank you to all our church members for providing such wonderful hospitality.

**New PCC Members** - We welcome and thank John Sandison, Rebecca Warner and Will Stevens for their willingness to serve as PCC members; and also Mair Molteno who stood and was elected for a second term of office.

**New Hymn Books** - Our new hymn books are being used in our Sunday services for the first time today. We hope you like them and will continue to enjoy using them in our worship together. Many thanks must go to Helen Coulson for single-handedly managing the sponsorship process and purchase of the books.

**Songs of Praise** - Thank you to all church and choir members for attending our Songs of Praise events yesterday introducing our new hymn books. A special thank you to Stuart Whatton for organizing and to Keith Howell-Jones for playing the organ as well as to those church members who volunteered to introduce their own favourite hymn.

**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.

**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

**Royal Wedding** - You are invited to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry to Ms. Meghan Markle at Christ Church on the 'Big Screen' on Saturday 19 May from 11am. Come and join us for a truly British family celebration with 'bring and share' lunch, children's games and live coverage of the Royal Wedding. Suggested donation of £2.50 per adult on the door, children free. Please RSVP and sign up, contact the office or email [rebecca.warner@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.warner@gmail.com)

**Esher May Fair** - Will be on Sunday 20 May - we will need volunteers and bakers, please!

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**RIP Anniversaries:** Josephine Semple, 'Ollie' Gobat, Joyce Simms, Martin Moreton

**RIP:** Dawn Henson-Yapp, Muriel Leighton Baumann

## 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.*

	<b>April</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Monday	23	9.00-9.30am	Joshua 1.1-9; Ps 5; Ephesians 6.10-20
Tuesday	24	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 32.15-34; Ps 139; Luke 3.1-14
Wednesday	25	9.00-9.30am	Isaiah 62.6-10; Ps 148; Acts 12.25-13.13
Thursday	26	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 34.1-10, 27-end; Ps 118; Luke 4.1-13
Friday	27	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 35.20-36.7; Ps 33; Luke 4.14-30

## LOOKING AHEAD

	<b>April</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday	22	5.00pm	Youth Alpha, Member's home
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
		5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
	<b>May</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday	1	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
Tuesday	8	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		10.30am	Communion Service, Arbrook House Care Home
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	9	2.30pm	Communion Service, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	10	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	12	Midday	Wedding: Victoria Grant & James MacDonald
Sunday	13	6.00pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	14	1.30pm	Wedding: Elizabeth Williams & James Sole

## CONTACTS

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