

# 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

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

24 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 Revd William Challis
Reading & Prayers	Sue Haycroft
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd William Challis
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Margaret Dane, Peter Hardy
Reading	Janie McCulloch
Prayers	Rosemary Seaton
Chalice	Margaret Dane, Will Stevens

## MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	754, 675, 669
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	754, 706, 675, 669
Anthem	<i>Paris angelicus</i> (Franck)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## READING Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up - for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground - then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You

may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

## PSALM 65

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,  
2 O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.  
3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.  
4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.  
5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you

are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

6 By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.  
7 You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.  
8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.  
9 You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.  
10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.  
11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,  
13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

## GOSPEL Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

## PARISH NOTICES

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

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

**Music on the Green News** - We are pleased to announce we had a record 132 people in the audience for our recent lunchtime concert on Wednesday 20 February. It was fabulous to see so many in Christ Church enjoying the performance by the young flute/cello/piano ensemble, Cadran Trio. The retiring collection totalled £774.34 (with Gift Aid £817.34) - super fundraising for the parish! Thanks must particularly go to the catering team - Jan, Peggy, Margaret, Wendy, Debbie, Veronica and Lottie - for their mammoth undertaking!

**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.

**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. 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, 11am-3pm, April to September. The Friends of St George's rely on volunteer guides to open and close the church, to greet visitors and answer their questions. Guiding provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about Esher, its inhabitants and its history. Additional guides are sought to fill current vacancies. Each guide is allocated a two-hour session on no more than two or three Saturdays per year. Training is provided. Anyone interested should contact the Guides Coordinator, Stephen Chater, on [stephenchater@btinternet.com](mailto: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. We do not currently have any Mother's Union 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: Hugh Eccles, Albert Hayhoe, Doreen Trimmer, 'Teddy' Baumann, Denise Green, Clive Sexton, Suzanne Collins, Isabella Austin

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.

Feb/Mar	Time	Reading
Monday 25		2 Chronicles 9.1-12; Ps 71; John 19.1-16
Tuesday 26		2 Chronicles 10.1-11.4; Ps 73; John 19.17-30
Wednesday 27		2 Chronicles 12; Ps 77; John 19.31-end
Thursday 28		2 Chronicles 13.1-14.1; Ps 78.1-39; John 20.1-10
Friday 1		2 Chronicles 14.2-end; Ps 55; John 20.11-18

## PARISH CALENDAR

February	Time	Event
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 Choral Communion
Sunday 10	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday 11	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 13	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
	8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting

## CONTACTS

RECTOR Vacancy	PARISH OF ESHER Website <a href="http://www.esherparish.org.uk">www.esherparish.org.uk</a> Twitter <a href="http://www.twitter.com/esherparish">www.twitter.com/esherparish</a> Christ Church Open Every day, 9am to 3pm
PARISH OFFICE Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS Tel 01372 462282 Email <a href="mailto:office@esherparish.org.uk">office@esherparish.org.uk</a> Office Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 10-12am	

All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise