

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 LENT

24 MARCH 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 Rod Jones and Dave Whymark
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Chalice	Will Stevens
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Rod Jones and Dave Whymark
Churchwardens	Helen Coulson, Will Stevens
Sides	Sue Dunne, Susan Rawlins, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Rosemary Seaton
Prayers	Colin Martin
Chalice	Sue Dunne, Pam Stark

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	654, 453(omit v3), 652
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	654, 135, 453, 652
Anthem	<i>O Lorde, the maker of al thing</i> (Joubert)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he

may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63.1-9

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth.

GOSPEL Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Rod Jones, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Parish Electoral Roll Deadline Today - Every individual wishing to be on the new roll needs to return their completed Electoral Roll form to the Parish Office at Christ Church by today. The Church of England requires every parish to hold and manage a roll of lay persons entitled to vote at the Parish's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to elect the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Every six years, including in 2019, a new parish electoral roll must be prepared to supersede the existing electoral roll. Forms have been emailed/posted, are available in both churches and on the parish website.

Mothering Sunday - On Sunday 31 March we celebrate and thank our mothers for all that they do. Join us at 9am in St George's or 10.30am in Christ Church. Both services are family Eucharist services. Daffodils to be given to mothers and grandmothers too!

2019 Lent Appeal - This Lent we will be raising funds for Christian Aid, the official relief and development agency of 41 British and Irish churches. It works to support civil society, stop poverty, support sustainable development and provide disaster relief across the world. Collection envelopes are available. Please give generously. Thank you.

Funeral for Tony Johns - On Thursday 28 March, 12 noon, the funeral for Tony Johns will take place at St George's, West End. Mr Johns sang in the West End choir and attended the Sunday School as a young boy in the 1940's. Any who knew him are welcome to attend.

Vacancy for Treasurer - After three years' service Duncan Clerkin is stepping down. We are very grateful for Duncan's service and his careful stewardship of our finances. We are now looking for a volunteer to become our new treasurer, carry on the excellent work Duncan has undertaken and focus on the strategic financial management working closely with our bookkeeper, Valerie Ahern. If you are interested please speak with Duncan, 07766 460454, or Sandra Argent, our Churchwarden, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Vacancy for Safeguarding Officer - This volunteer role is key to managing all Parish safeguarding matters. It will be necessary to have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and to ensure the implementation of the Diocese's safeguarding policy. The role can be one person or shared by two. Please contact Sandra Argent, our Churchwarden, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Music in the Tower - For this Holy Week highlight of our annual cultural calendar we feature the soothing sounds of the flute and guitar from the Meraki Duo with a programme entitled 'Calm amidst Turbulent Times'. Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 April at 1pm & 8pm. Tickets £10. For seat reservations contact the Parish Office or sign up on the list in Christ Church.

Easter Eggs - We are selling Real Easter Eggs at the 9am and 10.30am services. Made of Fairtrade chocolate they include an Easter story book and support charitable projects.

Interregnum - The Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell are now 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 a whole.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Margaret Williams

RIP anniversaries: Daisy Slade, Hazel Hunter, Keith Duffy, David Quelch, Janet James

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.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	25		1 Samuel 2.1-10; Ps 111, Romans 5.12-end
Tuesday	26		Jeremiah 11.18-12.6; Ps 9; John 7.53-8.11
Wednesday	27		Jeremiah 13.1-11; Ps 38; John 8.12-30
Thursday	28		Jeremiah 14; Ps 56; John 8.31-47
Friday	29		Jeremiah 15.10-end; Ps 22; John 8.48-end

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
Sunday	24	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	25	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	27	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	28	10.00am	Fellowship Group
		Midday	Funeral, St George's
Sunday	31	1am	<i>Clocks go forward</i>
		9.00am	Mothering Sunday Service, St George's
		10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
April		Time	Event
Monday	1	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	3	9.00am	Esher High School Easter Services
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Friday	4	9.15am	Esher Church School Easter Services

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise