

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

PALM SUNDAY

25 MARCH 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

9.30am	United Palm Sunday Service at St George's and Christ Church led by Nate and Stefan
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan, Sandra Argent
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Hannah Emerson
Reading	Ann Willig, Stuart Whatton, Nate Kurz
Prayers	Colin Martin
Chalice	Hannah Emerson
12.30pm	Baptism of Rory Fudge at St George's led by Stefan

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Long the days of waiting</i> (Mark Sheppard)
9.30am	United Palm Sunday Service
St George's	11
Christ Church	435, 148, 346
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Amen

READING Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

READING Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PALM GOSPEL Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on

the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

May we encourage you to pray

- 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

United Palm Sunday Service - We welcome all thoughts and feedback. Thank you.

Today at 4.30pm at Christ Church - Passiontide concert of seasonal choral music by the Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs, in collaboration with the Christ Church Choir.

Programme includes Allegri Miserere and Fauré's Requiem. Tickets £5 (concessions £3)

Holy Week Services at Christ Church - Our Maundy Thursday service will be on 29 March at 8pm. We will hold a service commemorating the Last Hour on Good Friday, 2pm, 30 March.

Children's Easter Garden - Please come along to St. George's on Good Friday, 30 March, at 10am to help make and decorate the beautiful Easter Garden and hear the Easter story.

Easter Sunday - There will be no 8am service at Christ Church on Sunday 1 April.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our APCM will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 8pm at Christ Church. It shares with all what has happened in the last year, something of where we are going and also the election of churchwardens and PCC members. It's an important day for us all to come together. Thank you.

Parochial Church Council Members - With the APCM meeting on the horizon may we ask you to pray, reflect and consider whether God is calling you to serve on the PCC - we likely need around five new members going forward. Areas of perhaps especial interest include volunteer and events management, buildings management, finance, communications, those with digital and technical computer skills, and fundraising. Thank you. If you are interested please do speak to Stefan or another member of the PCC, and familiarise yourself with the codes of conduct and expectation available upon request.

Church Electoral Roll - The statutory annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll is taking place from 14 to 28 March. The revised Roll will be available for correction only thereafter until post the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 18 April. A short version of the current Roll (names only) is available for consultation in church. The full Roll (names and addresses) can be consulted in the Parish Office. If your entry needs to be corrected please let the Parish Office know. If you would like to be added to the Roll, forms are available in church or from the Parish Office and must be returned by 28 March.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Many of you will have received an email about GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May. If you have please action as soon as possible. If you have not and would like, e.g., the parish to be able to communicate with you, receive the parish e-newsletter, and ask for your occasional feedback to shape our common life then 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.

Spring Clean at St George's - Come and join us at St George's at 10am on Saturday 21 April when we will be giving our little church and garden an annual Spring clean!

Noah's Ark & Toddlers' Praise - Now taking a rest for Easter. Noah's Ark will sail again on Sunday 22 April. Toddlers' Praise will recommence again on Tuesday 17 April.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: Daisy Slade, Hazel Hunter, Keith Duffy, David Quelch, Janet James, Eileen Martineau

Baptism: Rory Fudge

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.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	26		Lamentations 1.1-12a; Ps 41; Luke 22.1-23
Tuesday	27	9.00-9.30am	Lamentations 3.1-18; Ps 27; Luke 22.39-53
Wednesday	28		Jeremiah 11.18-20; Ps 102; Luke 22.54-end
Thursday	29		Leviticus 16.2-24; Ps 42; Luke 23.1-25
Friday	30	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 22.1-18; Ps 69; Hebrews 10.1-10

LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Sunday	25	4.30pm	Passiontide Choral Concert, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Monday	26	1.00pm	Music in the Tower I
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower II
Tuesday	27	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		1.00pm	Music in the Tower III
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower IV
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	28	9.00am	Esher High School Easter Services
		10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie, Member's home
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie, Christ Church
Thursday	29	9.00am	Esher Church School Easter Services
		8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service, Christ Church
Friday	30	All day	Parish Office closed
		10.00am	Children's Easter Garden, St George's
		2.00pm	Good Friday Service, Christ Church

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise