

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 EPIPHANY

27 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 The Venerable Paul Bryer, Archdeacon of Dorking
Reading & Prayers	Caroline St Gally
Chalice	Sue Lynn
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by The Venerable Paul Bryer, Archdeacon of Dorking
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Pat Chapple, Sue Dunne, Susan Rawlins
Reading	Stuart Whatton
Prayers	Rosemary Seaton
Chalice	Sue Dunne, Diana Johns

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	743, 600, 827
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	743, 600, 96, 827
Anthem	<i>Let all mortal flesh</i> (Cleobury)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine
out of darkness: we pray that the light
of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance
and unbelief, shine into the
hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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 Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed

the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

PSALM 19.1-6

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

GOSPEL Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To The Venerable Paul Bryer, Archdeacon of Dorking, for visiting us today and leading our services. It was a joy to worship with you. We are also delighted to welcome to our Christ Church service the Head Teacher of Esher High School, Mike Boddington, who will be talking about the school.

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.

Bell Ringing News - We are pleased to announce the Bell Ringing team at Christ Church have just been awarded the Parsons Cup. It is awarded every year to one of the fifteen towers in the Chertsey District for making the most improvements. It was originally donated by David & Joyce Parsons (Egham) and first awarded in 1973. It used to be won by the top tower in the Striking Competition but it is now awarded for overall improvement in recruiting, training, striking and above all ringing for Sunday services. The team are stunned to receive this award and very pleased that the year of recruitment, training and dedication has been recognised. Well done everyone.

Interregnum - The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met this week where 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.

Cambridge Success - Congratulations to our parish organ scholar, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller, who has been offered a place to read Mathematics at Clare College Cambridge, subject to A level grades. Nicholas decided not to apply for an organ award, but still hopes to do plenty of music-making while he is at Cambridge as a respite from his algebra!

Fiona Owen - Please may we ask everyone to pray for Fiona as she continues her training to become a Licensed Lay Minister. Thank you.

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.

Falls Prevention Morning - Elmbridge Borough Council are holding a Falls Prevention Morning on Thursday 31 January, 9.30-11.30am at Claygate Centre for the Community. Join in with a free strength and balance class and get expert advice from falls professionals. Transport can be arranged if that is a concern for residents.

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: Michael Teague, Marjorie Giles, Julia Snelling, Margaret Cullington, Barbara Baker, Peter Butler, Alexander Grey, Elsie Eldridge

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.

Jan/Feb		Time	Reading
Monday	28		Hosea 2.18-end of 3; Ps 108; 1 Corinthians 9.15-end
Tuesday	29		Hosea 4.1-16; Ps 36; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Wednesday	30		Hosea 5.1-7; Ps 46; 1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1
Thursday	31		Hosea 5.8-6.6; Ps 47; 1 Corinthians 11.2-16
Friday	1		Hosea 6.7-7.2; Ps 65; 1 Corinthians 11.17-end

PARISH CALENDAR

January		Time	Event
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
Sunday	10	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	11	7.15pm	Choir practice
Thursday	14	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	16	10.00am	Bellringing visit
Monday	18	10.00am	Bellringing visit
		7.15pm	Choir practice

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise