

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

31 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	Mothering Sunday Service at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service at Christ Church led by David
Churchwardens	Will Stevens
Sides	Margaret Dane, Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Helen Coulson
Prayers	Dave Whymark
Chalice	David Stark, Geoff Walker

MUSIC

9.00am	Mothering Sunday Service
Hymns	136, 537, 721
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service
Hymns	136, 334, 138, 721
Anthem	<i>Psalm 23</i> (Coulson)
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ,
the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in
Nazareth, and on the cross drew the
whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your
presence to bind together and to heal;
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 Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the

Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GOSPEL Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

PSALM 34.11-20

11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
18 The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

PARISH NOTICES

Daffodils - A big thank you to Buds & Blooms and Waitrose for their donation of daffodils and to Alison Mohamed and all her helpers for organising and creating the posies.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our APCM will be held on Sunday 28 April at 12.30pm after the 10.30am service 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.

Parish Electoral Roll Revision 2019 - The new Electoral Roll is now published and can be consulted at St George's and Christ Church. If you applied for inclusion on the new Roll, please check that your details are correctly recorded. Mistakes may be corrected, but no new names may be added until after the APCM on Sunday 28 April. Thank you.

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.

Vesper Sky In Concert - This special 'Music on the Green' event featuring our own Stewart & Carol Henderson, and with Yvonne & David Lyon, will take place in Christ Church on Saturday 13 April at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles from 7pm. Pre-booked tickets available from www.stewart-henderson.com at £10 each, or £12 on the door. *'A unique collection of songs and poems, tellingly nuanced performances'* folkradio.co.uk

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: Eileen Martineau, Irene Thompson, Brenda Gillham

RIP: Tony Johns

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.

April		Time	Reading
Monday	1		Jeremiah 17.5-18; Ps 77, John 9.18-end
Tuesday	2		Jeremiah 18.1-12; Ps 79; John 10.1-10
Wednesday	3		Jeremiah 18.13-end; Ps 90; John 10.11-21
Thursday	4		Jeremiah 19.1-13; Ps 86; John 10.22-end
Friday	5		Jeremiah 19.14-20.6; Ps 102; John 11.1-16

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
Sunday	31	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
April		Time	Event
Monday	1	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	2	8.00pm	Prayers for our Parish, Christ Church
Wednesday	3	9.00am	Esher High School Easter Services
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	4	All day	Parish Office closed (April 4–11 incl)
Friday	5	All day	State school's term ends
		9.15am	Esher Church School Easter Services
Monday	8	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	9	2.30pm	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		7.30pm	Deanery Prayer with Bishop Andrew, St Peter's Church, West Molesey
Wednesday	10	2.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise