

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

4 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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan and David
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by Fiona Owen and Nate
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Hugh Miller, Jane or Alex Sladen Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Miranda Fuller
Prayers	Alex Sladen

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	426, 396, 457
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	268, 31, Ten thousand reasons
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

READING Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall

not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

GOSPEL John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will

you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken

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

Mothering Sunday - On Sunday 11 March we celebrate and thank our mothers for all that they do. Please do join us at St George's at 9am and Christ Church at 10.30am. Both services are identical family Eucharist services.

United Palm Sunday Service - We are going to try something new, and have one service across both of our churches. The service begins at St George's Church, West End at 9.30am. After a short liturgy, we will re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem through processing up to Christ Church. The service will continue at Christ Church. This is the only service on this day, there will be no 9am service at St George's or 10.30am service at Christ Church, rather one united celebration of Palm Sunday. May I invite you all, young and old alike to try something new and offer a vibrant and powerful witness to our community who will likely think we are mad. No further comment from me. If the procession is not possible for you please let us know. We hope to have some cars available to help ferry people between churches. Pray for good weather please.

Community Prayers - You will see we have added some community prayers. Please include them in your prayers, as we seek to grow numerically and spiritually as a community.

Stefan - Is away this week at Alton Abbey for an Oblate's retreat. Please pray for his and the other Oblates discernment of what the Lord may be saying to them at this time. Thanks.

2018 Lent Appeal - This Lent we will be raising funds for Elmbridge Rentstart, a charity helping local people who are homeless or sofa-surfing (www.elmbridgerentstart.org.uk). Each year Elmbridge Rentstart houses and supports around 130 people and helps them move on with their lives. While Elmbridge is a wealthy area, there are many in the area affected by homelessness or unstable living arrangements. Collection envelopes for Elmbridge Rentstart will be available and taken alongside the regular collection during Sunday services. You can also give your donation to a churchwarden or sides person.

Lent Prayer Course - It is still possible to join the online Lent prayer series - please sign-up on the sheet in Church or email fionakowen@gmail.com.

Children's Easter Garden - Young (and Old!) please do come along to St. George's, West End on Good Friday, 30 March, at 10.00am to help make and decorate the beautiful Easter Garden and also to learn more about the Easter story. It always proves to be a lovely event which the children really enjoy. Contact Jen McCarthy or Sarah Ingram.

Youth Group 'Voyagers' & 'Pioneers' - We are pleased to say that the Youth Group now has some brand spanking new names! The Youth Group for school years 4-6 will now be called 'Voyagers' and the Youth Group for school years 7+ will now be called 'Pioneers'. Voyagers will be meeting this evening at Esher Church School at 5.30pm.

Youth Alpha - The Youth Alpha Course continues today, 5.30-7pm, at Esher Church School

Easter Eggs - From now until Easter we will be selling Real Easter Eggs after the 9am service at St George's and the 10.30am service at Christ Church. It is the only egg to have an Easter story book, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Jim Seaton, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: William Waugh, Mary Roome, Bertha Stark, Beryl Taylor, Elli Weller

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	5	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 47.1-27; Ps 80; Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tuesday	6	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 47.28-end of 48; Ps 9; Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Wednesday	7	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 49.1-32; Ps 38; Hebrews 6.13-end
Thursday	8	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 49.33-end of 50; Ps 56; Hebrews 7.1-10
Friday	9		Exodus 1.1-14; Ps 22; Hebrews 7.11-end

LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Sunday	4	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	5	All day	Stefan away on Oblate Retreat, 5-9 March
Tuesday	6	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
Wednesday	7	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
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Thursday	8	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	11	9.00am	Mothering Sunday Service, St George's
		10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Tuesday	13	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	14	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
		12.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
Sunday	18	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group Voyagers, Esher Church School

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise