

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

EPIPHANY

7 JANUARY 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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus
as your Son: may we recognize him
as our Lord and know ourselves to be
your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

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

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	71, 41, 537
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	537, 440, 235
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones

READING Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

PSALM 72.1-15

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
- 12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

PARISH NOTICES

Candlemas Service - This service will be held at Old St. George's Church in Esher on Sunday 28 January 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 warm and atmospheric evening. The Christ Church choir will be singing.

Youth Alpha - We are pleased to share with you that we plan to run our first Youth Alpha Course early next year led by Dave and Nate. It will take place at Esher Church School on Sunday evenings. Date to be confirmed. Open to Year 7 and above. Any questions or to register your interest please email Dave or Nate at davewhymark@aol.com and nate.esherparish@gmail.com.

Noah's Ark - Noah's will set sail again on Sunday 14 January. Thank you to all our leaders and supporters this year.

Toddlers' Praise - Toddlers' Praise starts again on Tuesday 16 January at 10.30am. Thank you to Jan Sayer and her team this past year.

Music on the Green - The Eos Trio will perform for our lunchtime concert on Wednesday 17 January at 12.30pm. Their programme will include works by Milhaud, Khachaturian and C P E Bach, and should provide a most stimulating start to the New Year. Free entry to include a light lunch. Retiring collection.

Car Parking at Christ Church - The car park barrier will be upgraded in January 2018. All barrier passes currently in circulation will no longer operate beyond this date. Passes will not be replaced unless you are involved in active programmes at Christ Church. This is in an attempt to restrict parking to those who need it most. If you are in absolute need of a replacement pass in January 2018 please email me at sargent@mcguirewoods.com.

Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs - The Hershams-based Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs will be coming to Esher to perform at Christ Church on 25 March (Palm Sunday). Both choirs are high quality ensembles, but non-auditioned and welcoming. If any of our own church members have children who might like to take part, the choirs' musical director, Christopher Goldsack, has invited them to join free of charge this term. The Youth Choir (aged 11-20) will be singing Fauré's Requiem and the Junior Choir (aged 7-11) will be singing a charming piece called the Creation Jazz. The choirs rehearse on Monday evenings in Bell Farm School, Hershams (Junior Choir 6.30-7.45pm and Youth Choir 7.45-9pm). For more information about the choir please go to the website www.promenade.org.uk. If interested please contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, in the first instance via the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson

RIP Anniversaries: Cyril Handison, Doris Blake, Audrey Orr, Patrick Alderton, Audrey Humphrys, Sarah Holton

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.

January		Time	Reading
Monday	8	9.00-9.30am	1 Samuel 16.1-3, 13; Ps 89.19-29; John 1.29-34
Tuesday	9	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 1.20-2.3; Ps 9; Matthew 21.18-32
Wednesday	10	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 2.4-end; Ps 20; Matthew 21.33-end
Thursday	11	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 3; Ps 78.1-39; Matthew 22.1-14
Friday	12		Genesis 4.1-16, 25-26; Ps 67; Matthew 22.15-33

LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Friday	12	1.30pm	Funeral: Kathleen Moreton
Sunday	14	6.00pm	Youth Group, Esher Church School
Tuesday	16	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
Wednesday	17	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Eos Trio (clarinet, violin & piano)
Tuesday	23	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
Thursday	25	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	28	6.00pm	Candlemas Service, St George's, Esher
		6.00pm	Youth Group, Esher Church School
Tuesday	30	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise