

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10 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	Sung Communion at St George's led by Canon Richard Truss
Reading & Prayers	Ann Willig
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Pat Chapple, Susan Rawlins, Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Colin Martin
Prayers	Martin Fuller
Chalice	Pam Stark, David Stark

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	702, 621, 813 (v1-6 only)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	702, 115, 621, 813 (v1-6 only)
Anthem	<i>Ave verum</i> (Byrd)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number,

and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM 91.1-11

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
2 will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8 You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,
10 no evil shall befall you no scourge come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

GOSPEL Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Canon Richard Truss, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with 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.

Mothering Sunday - On Sunday 31 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.

Parish Electoral Roll - The Church of England requires every parish to hold and manage a roll of lay persons entitled to vote at the Parish's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to elect the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Every six years, including in 2019, a new parish electoral roll must be prepared to supersede the existing electoral roll. Everyone wishing to be on the new roll will need to complete a fresh Electoral Roll form and return it to the Parish Office at Christ Church by 24 March.

Prayers for our Parish - The PCC would like to invite you to join them for an hour of prayer for our Parish on Tuesday 12 March, 8pm, at Christ Church. During the Interregnum it is so important to pray as a Parish for God's plan for our future.

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.

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 we journey together through the interregnum process.

Fellowship Group - We meet to refresh our spirituality in a relaxed friendly atmosphere led by Jan Sayer. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10am in the Lady Chapel in Christ Church. All are very welcome.

Voyagers & Pioneers - Both Youth Groups led by Dave Whymark continue to meet at Esher Church School, on alternating Sundays, 5.30-7pm. All children Y4+ can attend.

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.

Old St George's Church - Esher's only Grade 1 listed building, welcomes visitors on Saturdays, 11am-3pm, April to September. We rely on volunteer guides to open and close the church and to greet visitors. If interested please contact the Guides Coordinator, Stephen Chater, on stephenchater@btinternet.com or via the Parish Office.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Betty Walker, Yasmin Ingram, Margaret Williams, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Claire Trepess

RIP anniversaries: Beryl Taylor, Elli Weller, Violet Barker, Betty Pemberton, Jill Treneman, Robert Tesh, Mark Allen

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.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	11		Jeremiah 4.19-end; Ps 98; John 5.1-18
Tuesday	12		Jeremiah 5.1-19; Ps 44; John 5.19-29
Wednesday	13		Jeremiah 5.20-end; Ps 6; John 5.30-end
Thursday	14		Jeremiah 6.9-21; Ps 42; John 6.1-15
Friday	15		Jeremiah 6.22-end; Ps 22; John 6.16-27

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
Sunday	10	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	11	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	12	8.00pm	Prayers for our Parish, Christ Church
Wednesday	13	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting
Thursday	14	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	17	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	18	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	20	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	24	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	25	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	27	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	28	10.00am	Fellowship Group

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise