

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

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

11 FEBRUARY 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Nate
Reading & Prayers	Stephen Lee
Chalice	Bridget Williams
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Margaret Dane, Sue Dunne, Peggy Howell-Jones
Reading	Miranda Fuller
Prayers	Nevin Truesdale
Chalice	Sue Dunne

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Almighty Lord and God of Love</i> (Nathaniel Giles)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	296, 425, 270
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	175, 296, 425, 270
Organists	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING 2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the

two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM 50.1-6

1 The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Selah.

GOSPEL Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday - There will be an Ash Wednesday Communion Service with ashing on Wednesday 14 February at 8.00pm at Christ Church. All are welcome.

Lent Course - Christ and the Chocolaterie is an original, innovative and lively Lent Course inspired by the film Chocolat, based on the novel by Joanne Harris. The film is used as a starting point for exploring issues about God, the world and what it is to be human. The five sessions include film extracts, group discussion, questions, exercises, meditations, reading suggestions and Bible passages. The weekly morning (10 - 11.30am) and evening (8 - 9.30pm) sessions, start on Wednesday 21 February. See calendars for exact dates.

Lent Prayer Course - Once again we will be running an online Lent prayer series. You'll receive emails throughout Lent containing prayer themes, starters and activities. We can provide a paper version for anyone without email access. If you'd like to join in please sign-up on the sheet in Church or email fionakowen@gmail.com.

Hymn books - Thank you for your generous and amazing support to purchase new books. We are just about over the line. Helen Coulson/Melanie will be in touch with people shortly to arrange payment for them and options about how your name may be remembered in them should you wish. Watch this space. Thank you.

New Trustees for Lower Green Community Centre - New Trustees are sought for Lower Green Community Centre. If you are interested please do speak to Stefan.

Car Parking at Christ Church - The car park barrier has now been upgraded with a new reader. All persons eligible to receive a new barrier pass can now collect it from the parish office during office hours as stated overleaf.

Youth Alpha - The Youth Alpha Course continues this evening, at the slightly earlier time of 5.30-7pm, at Esher Church School, and is running every Sunday for nine weeks (except 11 February) finishing on Sunday 25 March.

Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs - The Hersham-based Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs will be coming to Christ Church on 25 March (Palm Sunday). 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, Hersham (Junior Choir 6.30-7.45pm and Youth Choir 7.45-9pm). For more information please go to the website www.promenade.org.uk. If interested do contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, in the first instance via the Parish Office.

Parish Office closed - The office will be closed all next week, 12 - 16 February inclusive.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Jim Seaton

RIP Anniversaries: Sheila Hayne, Eric Williams

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.

February		Time	Reading
Monday	12	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 37.1-11; Ps 30; Galatians 1
Tuesday	13	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 37.12-end; Ps 36; Galatians 2.1-10
Wednesday	14	9.00-9.30am	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19; Ps 38; 1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thursday	15	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 39; Ps 77; Galatians 2.11-end
Friday	16		Genesis 40; Ps 3; Galatians 3.1-14

LOOKING AHEAD

February		Time	Event
Monday	12	All day	Parish Office closed 12-16 February inclusive
Tuesday	13	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	14	12.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service, Christ Church
Sunday	18	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School
Tuesday	20	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	21	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
		12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Tau Wey, solo piano
			Parochial Church Council meeting, Member's home
Thursday	22	10.00am	Fellowship Group
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
Sunday	25	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Tuesday	27	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise