

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

11 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Stefan and Rebecca Warner
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Bridget Williams
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate and Rebecca Warner
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Peggy Howell-Jones, John Sandison
Reading	Jan Sayer
Prayers	To be confirmed
Chalice	Simon Donnan
MUSIC	
Anthem	<i>Psalm 23</i> (Coulson)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	467, 448, 354
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	467, 525, 448, 354
Organists	Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Colossians 3.12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

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.

8am Services on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday - There will be no 8am services at Christ Church on Sunday 25 March and Sunday 1 April.

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.

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 are available and taken alongside the regular collection.

Lent Prayer Course - To join the Lent prayer series – please email fionakowen@gmail.com.

Sunday 25 March, 4.30pm at Christ Church - Passiontide concert of seasonal choral music by the Promenade Youth and Junior Choirs, in collaboration with members of Christ Church Choir. Programme to include the Allegri Miserere and Fauré's Requiem. Tickets £5 (concessions £3).

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'.

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

Daffodils - A big thank you to Buds & Blooms and Waitrose for their very kind donation of daffodils and to all those who helped organise and create the posies.

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: Violet Barker, Betty Pemberton, Jill Treneman, Robert Tesh, Mark Allen, Lorna Evans

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	12	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 2.11-22; Ps 98; Hebrews 9.1-14
Tuesday	13	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 2.23-3.20; Ps 79; Hebrews 9.15-end
Wednesday	14	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 4.1-23; Ps 90; Hebrews 10.1-18
Thursday	15	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 4.27-6.1; Ps 86; Hebrews 10.19-25
Friday	16	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 6.2-13; Ps 102; Hebrews 10.26-end

LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Sunday	11	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
Thursday	15	8.00pm	West End Committee Meeting, Member's home
Friday	16	3.00pm	Interment
Sunday	18	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group Voyagers, 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: Jake Fryer Jazz Quartet
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting, Member's home
Thursday	22	10.00am	Fellowship Group
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise