

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

PALM SUNDAY

14 APRIL 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 David
Reading & Prayers	Caroline St Gallay
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by David
Churchwardens	Will Stevens
Sides	Peter Hardy, Peggy Howell-Jones, Will Stevens
Reading	Carol Henderson
Prayers	Diana Johns
Chalice	Martin Fuller, Will Stevens

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	159 (v1-5), 161, 147 (omit v4,6)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	159, 161, 489, 147
Anthem	<i>Agnus Dei, from Missa Brevis in Bb</i> (Mozart)
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, Keith Howell-Jones, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

PALM GOSPEL Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt? 'They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people

kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

READING Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

GOSPEL Luke 23.1-49

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay

taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas

for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?' Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said,

'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one! 'The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

PARISH NOTICES

Easter Services - Our Maundy Thursday service will take place at St George's, West End on 18 April at 8pm. On Good Friday, 19 April, there will be a service commemorating the Last Hour at 2pm at Christ Church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our APCM will be held on Sunday 28 April at 12.30pm after the 10.30am service at Christ Church. It shares with all what has happened in the last year, something of where we are going and also the election of churchwardens and PCC members. It's an important day for us all to come together. Thank you.

New Parochial Church Council Members - With the APCM on the horizon may we ask you to pray, reflect and consider whether you could join the PCC. We welcome any volunteers, and particularly those with experience in events management, building management, finance, communications, digital/technical computer skills and fundraising. If interested please do contact the Parish Office and/or our Churchwardens. Thank you.

APCM Refreshments - We would like to offer a light buffet at our APCM. We hope to have some donations from a local Esher restaurant but welcome any help with organising the buffet on the day. Please contact the Parish Office and/or our Churchwardens. Thank you.

Music in the Tower - For this Holy Week highlight of our annual cultural calendar we feature the soothing sounds of the flute and guitar from the Meraki Duo with a programme entitled 'Calm amidst Turbulent Times'. Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 April at 1pm & 8pm. Tickets £10. For seat reservations contact the Parish Office or sign up on the list in Christ Church.

Parish Electoral Roll Revision 2019 - The new Electoral Roll is now published and can be consulted at St George's and Christ Church. If you applied for inclusion on the new Roll, please check that your details are correctly recorded. Mistakes may be corrected, but no new names may be added until after the APCM on Sunday 28 April. Thank 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.

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.

Safeguarding Officer Role - We are extremely pleased to announce that Alison Mohamed and Polly Jordan have very kindly volunteered for this role and have agreed to job share. Many thanks Polly and Alison. Great stuff!

Vacancy for Treasurer - After three years' service Duncan Clerkin is stepping down. 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 a whole.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor

RIP: Margaret Williams

RIP anniversaries: Gerald Garratt, Kathleen Portch

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.

April		Time	Reading
Monday	15		Lamentations 1.1-12a; Ps 41, Luke 22.1-23
Tuesday	16		Lamentations 3.1-18; Ps 27; Luke 22.39-53
Wednesday	17		Jeremiah 11.18-20; Ps 102; Luke 22.54-end
Thursday	18		Leviticus 16.2-24; Ps 42; Luke 23.1-25
Friday	19		Genesis 22.1-18; Ps 69; Hebrews 10.1-10

PARISH CALENDAR

April		Time	Event
Monday	15	7.15pm	No choir practice
Tuesday	16	1.00pm	Music in the Tower I
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower II
Wednesday	17	1.00pm	Music in the Tower III
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower IV
Thursday	18	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service, St George's
Friday	19	All day	<i>Good Friday Bank Holiday / Parish Office closed</i>
		2.00pm	Good Friday Service, Christ Church
Easter Day		9.00am	Easter Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Easter Communion, Christ Church
Monday	22	All day	<i>Easter Monday Bank Holiday / Parish Office closed</i>
		7.15pm	No choir practice
Wednesday	24	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	28	9.00am	Sung Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise