

# 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*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

21 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

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Stefan and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Stephen Lee
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Nate
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks, Peggy Howell-Jones, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Diana Johns
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Geoff Walker

## MUSIC

Anthem	<i>The Lord bless you and keep you</i> (Peter Lutkin)
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	394, 473, 427
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	394, 53, 473, 427
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## READING Genesis 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

## **PSALM 128**

1 Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

## **GOSPEL John 2.1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.'

## PARISH NOTICES

**Candlemas Service** - This service will be held on Sunday 28 January, 6pm, at Old St George's Church. Do join us for a warm and atmospheric evening. Christ Church choir will be singing.

**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 film is two hours long and will be shown on Wednesday 7 February at 10am and 8pm. The five morning (10 - 11.30am) and evening (8 - 9.30pm) sessions, start on Wednesday 21 February. See calendar for dates. Sign-up if interested.

**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](mailto:fionakowen@gmail.com).

**New Hymn books are coming!** - We are pleased to say that after much research we have decided on a new hymn book which gives us a good variety of hymns for our worship and complements our other resources. We need about 280 hymn books across our two churches (covering words, melody and music editions) and we would like to purchase these as soon as we are able. To achieve this we invite you to support us by 'sponsoring' a book or two. If you are interested in helping us please sign-up on the sheet in church which gives the cost of the editions. Thank you so much for your support.

**Car Parking at Christ Church** - The car park barrier will be upgraded on Wednesday 31 January. All old barrier passes will not work beyond this date. For a new pass please email our Churchwarden Sandra at [sargent@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:sargent@mcguirewoods.com).

**Youth Alpha** - Our first Youth Alpha Course will commence this evening, 6-7.45pm, at Esher Church School and will run every Sunday for nine weeks (except 11 February). Open to Year 7 and above. Any questions or to register your interest please email Dave or Nate at [davewhymark@aol.com](mailto:davewhymark@aol.com) and [nate.esherparish@gmail.com](mailto:nate.esherparish@gmail.com).

**Youth Group Update** - Due to the popularity and wide age range of Youth Group we have chosen to split it according to age - the younger group (Yrs 4-6) will meet separately to the older group (Yrs 7+) on alternate Sundays. To kick off 2018 the Yrs 4-6 group met last Sunday at the earlier time of 5.30-7pm and the Yrs 7+ group will meet this evening at 6-7.45pm. Please check calendars and website for future dates. Thanks.

**Ladies Book Group** - First book is 'The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer. Meet on Tuesday 6 February, 8pm at The Rectory to discuss. Plan is to meet every half-term, focusing on Christian books (but not exclusively!). Contact Deb ([dpcollier@me.com](mailto:dpcollier@me.com)) or Fiona ([fionakowen@gmail.com](mailto:fionakowen@gmail.com)).

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - With grateful thanks to Sara, Mair, Monique, Charles, Diana and others for your help with providing hospitality. It was greatly appreciated.

*Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Mike Simpson, Jim Seaton

**RIP Anniversaries:** Muriel Whelan, Joan Samuel, Norah Bloore, Michael Teague, Marjorie Giles, Julia Snelling, Margaret Cullington

## 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	22	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 11.27-12.9, 13; Ps 108; Matthew 26.1-16
Tuesday	23	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 13.2-end; Ps 36; Matthew 26.17-35
Wednesday	24	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 14; Ps 46; Matthew 26.36-46
Thursday	25	9.00-9.30am	Ezekiel 3.22-end; Ps 66; Philippians 3.1-14
Friday	26	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 16; Ps 65; Matthew 26.57-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Sunday	21	6.00pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Youth Group (Yrs 7+), Esher Church School
Tuesday	23	All day	Parish Office closed
		10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group
Thursday	25	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	27	10.00am	Bellringing Training
Sunday	28	5.30pm	Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Candlemas Service, St George's Church, Esher
Tuesday	30	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group
February		Time	Event
Sunday	4	6.00pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Youth Group (Yrs 7+), Esher Church School
Tuesday	6	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group
		8.00pm	Ladies Book Group

## CONTACTS

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***All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise***