

# 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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25 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.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

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| <b>8.00am</b>        | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church<br>led by Nate                    |
| <b>9.00am</b>        | <b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's<br>led by Nate and Fiona Owen       |
| Reading<br>& Prayers | Caroline St Gally  |
| Chalice              | Stephen Lee  |
| <b>10.30am</b>       | <b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church<br>led by Stefan and Fiona Owen |
| Churchwarden         | Will Stevens   |
| Sides                | Sandra Argent, Margaret Dane,<br>Sue Dunne, John Sandison                |
| Reading              | Simon Donnan   |
| Prayers              | Colin Martin   |
| Chalice              | Nevin Truesdale  |
| <b>12.30pm</b>       | <b>Baptism</b> of Poppy Theobald at<br>Christ Church led by Nate         |

## MUSIC

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| Anthem         | <i>O Saviour of the world</i><br>(Somervell) |
| <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>Sung Communion</b>                        |
| Hymns          | 293, 128, 15                                 |
| <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b>                      |
| Hymns          | 426, 250, 128, 15                            |
| Organists      | Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton           |

## READING Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will

bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **PSALM 22.23-end**

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

### **GOSPEL Mark 8.31-end**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter

and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'"

### **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

**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](http://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 will be available and taken alongside the regular collection during Sunday services. You can also give your donation to a churchwarden or sides person.

**Lent Course** - Christ and the Chocolaterie is an original, innovative and lively Lent Course inspired by the film Chocolat. The five weekly morning (10 - 11.30am) and evening (8 - 9.30pm) sessions have now commenced. Please see calendars for exact dates.

**Lent Prayer Course** - Once again we are 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. It is still possible to join in - please sign-up on the sheet in Church or email [fionakowen@gmail.com](mailto:fionakowen@gmail.com).

**Mothering Sunday** - On Sunday 11 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.

**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.

**Youth Alpha** - The Youth Alpha Course continues this evening, 5.30-7pm, at Esher Church School and is running every Sunday finishing on Sunday 25 March.

**Living Church** - The Diocese of Guildford will be trialing a new diocesan magazine, which will be available to churches in mid March. More information to follow.

**Community Safety Day** - The Community Support Team at Elmbridge Borough Council has organised a Community Safety Day at Cobham Centre for the Community, Oakdene Road, Cobham on Thursday 8 March, 9.45am-12noon. Information and guidance will be provided on everything from scam awareness and home safety to tips on remaining safe online. This event is free to attend with visitors receiving complimentary tea and coffee on arrival.

**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](http://www.promenade.org.uk). If interested do contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, in the first instance via the Parish Office.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**RIP Anniversaries:** Hugh Eccles, Albert Hayhoe, Doreen Trimmer, 'Teddy' Baumann, Denise Green, Clive Sexton, Suzanne Collins, Isabella Austin

**Baptism:** Poppy Theobald

## 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.*

| Feb/Mar   |    | Time        | Reading                                    |
|-----------|----|-------------|--|
| Monday    | 26 | 9.00-9.30am | Genesis 43.16-end; Ps 32; Hebrews 1        |
| Tuesday   | 27 |             | Genesis 44.1-17; Ps 50; Hebrews 2.1-9      |
| Wednesday | 28 | 9.00-9.30am | Genesis 44.18-end; Ps 35; Hebrews 2.10-end |
| Thursday  | 1  | 9.00-9.30am | Genesis 45.1-15; Ps 34; Hebrews 3.1-6      |
| Friday    | 2  | 9.00-9.30am | Genesis 45.16-end; Ps 41; Hebrews 3.7-end  |

## LOOKING AHEAD

| February  |    | Time    | Event                                      |
|-----------|----|---------|--|
| Sunday    | 25 | 5.30pm  | Youth Alpha, Esher Church School           |
| Tuesday   | 27 | All day | Parish Office closed                       |
|           |    | 10.30am | Toddlers' Praise                           |
|           |    | 8.00pm  | Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home       |
| Wednesday | 28 | 10.00am | Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie     |
|           |    | 8.00pm  | Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie     |
| March     |    | Time    | Event                                      |
| Sunday    | 4  | 5.30pm  | Youth Alpha, Esher Church School           |
|           |    | 5.30pm  | Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School |
| Monday    | 5  | All day | Stefan away on Oblate Retreat, 5-9 March   |
| Tuesday   | 6  | 10.30am | Toddlers' Praise                           |
|           |    | 8.00pm  | Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church       |
| Wednesday | 7  | 10.00am | Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie     |
|           |    | 8.00pm  | Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie     |
| Thursday  | 8  | 10.00am | Fellowship Group                           |
| Sunday    | 11 | 9.00am  | Mothering Sunday Service, St George's      |
|           |    | 10.30am | Mothering Sunday Service, Christ Church    |
|           |    | 5.30pm  | Youth Alpha, Esher Church School           |

## CONTACTS

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