

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

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

28 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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Nate
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David and Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Gerard Harper
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate and Stefan
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Sandra Argent, Hannah Emerson, Hugh Miller, Will Stevens
Reading	Hugh Miller
Prayers	Juliet Philip
Chalice	Hannah Emerson
6.00pm	Candlemas at Old St George's led by Stefan
Churchwarden	Simon Donnan
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Gill Barnett

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>The Three Kings</i> (Cornelius)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	363, 53, 565
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	363, 61, 313, 565
6.00pm	Candlemas
Hymns	305, 193, Christ, be our light
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen

READING Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

PSALM 24.1-end

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

2 for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking

forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

PARISH NOTICES

Candlemas Service - This service will be held at 6pm this evening at Old St. George's Church in Esher. Please do join us for a warm and atmospheric evening and to enjoy the choir of Christ Church 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 two hour long film will be shown on Wednesday 7 February at 10am and 8pm. The weekly morning (10 - 11.30am) and evening (8 - 9.30pm) sessions, start on Wednesday 21 February. See calendars for exact dates. Please sign-up.

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.

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.

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) or Fiona (fionakowen@gmail.com).

Car Parking at Christ Church - The car park barrier will be upgraded this 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.

Youth Alpha - The Youth Alpha Course continues this evening, at the slightly earlier time of 5.30-7pm, at Esher Church School, and will run every Sunday for nine weeks (except 11 February) finishing on Sunday 25 March. Open to Year 7+. If interested please email Dave or Nate at davewhymark@aol.com and nate.esherparish@gmail.com.

Youth Group - The younger group (Yrs 4-6) is now meeting separately to the older group (Yrs Y7+). The Yrs 4-6 group will be meeting this evening at 5.30-7.15pm. Please check calendars and website for future dates. Thanks.

Children's Society Advent Appeal - Our thanks to all who made donations in support of our Advent appeal for the Children's Society. The appeal raised a total of £388.25.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Jim Seaton

RIP Anniversaries: Barbara Baker, Peter Butler, Alexander Grey, Elsie Eldridge

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.

Jan/Feb	Time	Reading
Monday 29	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 18.1-15; Ps 57; Matthew 27.11-26
Tuesday 30	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 18.16-end; Ps 93; Matthew 27.27-44
Wednesday 31	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 19.1-3, 12-29; Ps 95; Matthew 27.45-56
Thursday 1	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 21.1-21; Ps 99; Matthew 27.57-end
Friday 2	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 13.1-16; Ps 48; Romans 12.1-5

LOOKING AHEAD

January	Time	Event
Sunday 28	5.30pm	Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School
	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
	6.00pm	Candlemas Service, Old St George's Church, Esher
Monday 29	All day	Parish Office closed
Tuesday 30	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
	8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
February	Time	Event
Thursday 1	All day	New Christ Church barrier operational
Sunday 4	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Tuesday 6	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
	8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
	8.00pm	Ladies Book Group, Member's home
Wednesday 7	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie Screening of 'Chocolat', Christ Church
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Thursday 8	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday 10	10.00am	Chertsey District Bellringing Practice
Tuesday 13	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
	8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise