

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1 MARCH 2020

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.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Will Stevens
Setting	Addington
Music & Hymns	121, 621, 813(v 1-6)
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
10.30am	All Age Service led by Dave Whymark
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Kath Chapman
Reading	A Youth Group member
Prayers	Polly Jordan
Refreshments	No one available
Music & Hymns	220, What a friend we have in Jesus, 598
Musician	Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent,

'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM 32

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*
6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them
7 You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*
8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

GOSPEL Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Jonathan Andrew for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

New Rector - We are delighted to say we have appointed a new Rector, Revd Darren McCallig. Darren is currently Senior Chaplain in the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway. His Induction Service will be on Monday 23 March at 7.30 pm in Christ Church: please do your best to attend to give a warm welcome to Darren and his wife Annilese.

Induction Service - We will need plenty of people to welcome, to be sidespeople and prepare and serve refreshments during and after the service on Monday 23 March. Please speak to Helen Coulson if you would be able to help in anyway at all.

Christ Church Spring Clean - We are having a working party on Saturday 21 March from 9.30 to 12.00 to spring clean Christ Church before Darren's induction service. There is plenty to do according to ability so please do sign up and join us. We will definitely need some able men to help with cobweb cleaning and managing the ladders. Coffee and refreshments will be provided so do join us to tidy up the church and make it welcoming to all. Sign-up sheet on the table by the font.

2020 Lent Appeal - Our Lent Appeal will be in aid of East Elmbridge Foodbank. Jenny French, who runs it, will be attending the All Age Service at Christ Church and will make a short presentation about the charity. For information see their website www.eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk Collection envelopes are available. Please give generously. Thank you.

Note from Melanie - I am pleased to say I am back at the helm in the Parish Office. I wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, wishes and prayers. Also to all those who helped keep the Parish of Esher ship sailing over the past month. It has been a very difficult time for myself and my family particularly after the past two years of anxiety. My Father, Michael Williams, was the mainstay of our family or, to use his phrase, the 'backbone'. So he leaves a thumping big hole in our lives. To add to the grief, Simon, my partner, will unfortunately need a third operation on his arm. I was in Exeter with my Mother so I was unable to help Simon convalesce post operation so his arm became dislocated again due to him overdoing it. (If only I could duplicate myself!) Hopefully it will be third time lucky - but only if he is able to rest - so our dogs will probably be keeping me company in the office! To close I would like to thank everyone in the Parish for allowing me to have the time away from work. It is greatly appreciated. For those who might be interested both churches have a copy of the order of service, a summary of my Father's life and my thank you to him. With love, Melanie

Pioneers - Our Pioneers youth group (Yr 7+) is joining with St Mary's Molesey for the foreseeable future. We look forward to our young people partnering together in the gospel. New time is 6-8pm every Sunday at St Mary's. If you have any questions please contact Dave Whymark (07535 611578).

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, David Parcell, Maureen O'Brien, Mary Teague, Jenny Gerrard, Brian Mason

RIP anniversaries: Suzanne Collins, Isabella Austin, William Waugh, Tony Johns, Mary Roome

RIP: Melanie's Father, Michael Williams

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.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	2		Genesis 41.25-45; Ps 80; Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tuesday	3		Genesis 41.46-42.5; Ps 44; Galatians 4.8-20
Wednesday	4		Genesis 42.6-17; Ps 6; Galatians 4.21-5.1
Thursday	5		Genesis 42.18-28; Ps 42; Galatians 5.2-15
Friday	6		Genesis 42.29-end; Ps 22; Galatians 5.16-end

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
Sunday	1	6.00pm	Pioneers, St Mary's Church, East Molesey
Monday	2	11.30am	Quarter Peal rung by Surrey Bellringers
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	4	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	8	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	9	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	10	2.30pm	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
Wednesday	11	2.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting
Saturday	21	9.30am	Christ Church Spring Clean
Monday	23	7.30pm	Induction of Revd Darren McCallig as Rector of Esher

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise