

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

EASTER SUNDAY

1 APRIL 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 glory,
 by the raising of your Son
 you have broken the chains of death
 and hell: fill your Church with faith and
 hope; for a new day has dawned
 and the way to life stands open
 in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David and Nate
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Ann Willig
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led Stefan and Nate
Churchwarden	John Sandison
Sides	Hugh Miller, Michael Banks
Reading	Gill Barnett
Prayers	Juliet Philip
Chalice	Geoff Walker

MUSIC

Anthem	This joyful Eastertide (<i>arr Wood</i>)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	267, 181, 503
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	267, 80, 181, 503
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

READING Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

GOSPEL John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do

not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

May we encourage you to pray, please.

- 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

On Easter Sunday, we renew our baptismal vows and pray over the water.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Prayer over the Water

The minister continues in prayer to which all respond Amen at the end.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - We thank all of you who have decorated our churches for our celebration today and contributed your time and gifts throughout the events of Holy Week.

Happy Easter - The ministry team wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. Thank you for your partnership in Christ. With our love and prayers, Stefan

Sunday 8 April - There will be no 8am service at Christ Church on Sunday 8 April.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our APCM will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 8pm 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.

Parochial Church Council Members - With the APCM meeting on the horizon may we ask you to pray, reflect and consider whether God is calling you to serve on the PCC. We likely need around five new members. Special interests needed include communications, finance, volunteer/event management, building management, digital computer skills and fundraising. Thank you. If interested please do speak to Stefan or a member of the PCC and familiarise yourself with the codes of conduct and expectation available upon request.

Induction of New Hymn Books - This will take place on the transferred feast of St George's on Sunday 22 April at our 9am and 10.30am Eucharistic Services.

Songs of Praise - Please join us for a special celebratory event at each church to mark the adoption of our new parish hymn books. Format will be similar to the BBC Songs of Praise programme, with selected parishioners introducing their favourite hymns and some hearty communal singing! Saturday 21 April, 4pm at West End/5.30pm at Christ Church.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Many of you will have received an email about GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May. Please do action as soon as possible. If you haven't and would like the parish to be able to communicate with you, receive the parish e-newsletter, please do visit <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr> and complete the secure registration form, for without your specific consent we are not able to communicate with you after 25 May. Thank you.

The Bible Course - New to the bible or want to go deeper? The eight session Bible Course is for you and is coming in June 2018. It shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. Register at <https://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/bible-course>

Toddlers' Praise & Noah's Ark - Start back on Tuesday 17 April and Sunday 22 April.

Spring Clean at St George's - Please join us at St George's at 10am on Saturday 21 April.

May Days - Please save Saturday 19 May for the Royal Wedding - we are planning a surprise! Esher May Fair is on Sunday 20 May - we will need volunteers and bakers, please!

Electoral Roll - The updated Electoral Roll can be viewed in the Parish Office.

Parish Office - The office will be closed Monday 2 April to Friday 6 April inclusive.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: Irene Thompson, Brenda Gillham

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.

	April	Time	Reading
Monday	2		Exodus 12.1-14; Ps 146; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Tuesday	3		Exodus 12.14-36; Ps 112; 1 Corinthians 15.12-19
Wednesday	4		Exodus 12.37-end; Ps 113; 1 Corinthians 15.20-28
Thursday	5		Exodus 13.1-16; Ps 114; Corinthians 15.29-34
Friday	6		Exodus 13.17-14.14; Ps 115; 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
Monday	2	All day	<i>Easter Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday	3	8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
Sunday	8	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	10	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	11	12.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
Thursday	12	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Monday	16	All day	<i>Start of term at State Schools</i>
Tuesday	17	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	18	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: 2Nation Percussion Duo
		8.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Christ Church
Saturday	21	4.00pm	Songs of Praise, St George's
		5.30pm	Songs of Praise, Christ Church
Sunday	22	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Tuesday	24	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise