

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

8 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 Sarb Klair
Reading, Prayers & Chalice	Bridget Williams
Setting	Addington
Music & Hymns	702, 591, 772
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Sarb Klair
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark
Reading	Janie McCulloch
Prayers	Jan Sayer
Chalice	Martin Fuller, David Stark
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Vicky Jenkins
Setting	Addington
Music & Hymns	702, 115, 621, 813
Anthem	<i>Ave Verum</i> (Byrd)
Musician	Stuart Whatton

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body, and from all evil thoughts which
may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

PSALM 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

GOSPEL John 3.1-18

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'
³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'
⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'
⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.
⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."
⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the

sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'
⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'
¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'
¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.
¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'
¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

PARISH NOTICES

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

New Rector - We are delighted to have Revd Darren McCallig as our new Rector. Darren comes to us from his previous post as Senior Chaplain in the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway. His Induction Service will be on Monday 23 March at 7.30pm 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 is in aid of East Elmbridge Foodbank. See website www.eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk for more information. Collection envelopes are available and in Christ Church there is a box for the following: long life milk, instant coffee, sugar, instant packets (eg. microwave rice, noodles), toiletries (eg. deodorant, shampoo, shower gel), household items (eg. washing, cleaning products), toilet rolls (2/4 packs). Please give generously. Thank you.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Church Policy - We will be implementing a Parish of Esher Policy to provide guidance to help keep our Churches as safe as possible during the Coronavirus outbreak. This includes modifications to Communion and The Peace, as well as emphasis on hygiene at this time and contact numbers for support. The Policy is on the notice boards and hard copies are available at the back of the Church. If you would like a copy to be emailed please contact the Parish Office.

Note from Melanie - 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!) The operation has been confirmed for Tuesday 17 March. We hope it will be third time lucky - but only if he rests - so our dogs will 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

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

RIP anniversaries: Bertha Stark, Beryl Taylor, Elli Weller, Violet Barker, Betty Pemberton, James Seaton, Jill Treneman

RIP: Brian Mason and 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	9		Genesis 43.16-end; Ps 98; Hebrews 1
Tuesday	10		Genesis 44.1-17; Ps 50; Hebrews 2.1-9
Wednesday	11		Genesis 44.18-end; Ps 35; Hebrews 2.10-end
Thursday	12		Genesis 45.1-15; Ps 34; Hebrews 3.1-6
Friday	13		Genesis 45.16-end; Ps 139; Galatians 3.7-end

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
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
Thursday	12	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	15	12.15pm	Special choir practice for Induction Service
		6.00pm	Pioneers, St Mary's Church, East Molesey
Saturday	21	9.30am	Christ Church Spring Clean
Monday	23	6.00pm	Choir call
		7.30pm	Induction of Revd Darren McCallig as Rector of Esher

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise