

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

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10 FEBRUARY 2019

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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

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| 9.00am | Sung Communion at St George's led by Rev Andrew Cowie and Rebecca Warner |
| Reading & Prayers | Bridget Williams |
| Chalice | Sue Langley |
| 10.30am | Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Rev Andrew Cowie and Rebecca Warner |
| Churchwarden | John Sandison |
| Sides | Sandra Simpson, Kath Chapman, Hugh Miller |
| Reading | Geoff Walker |
| Prayers | Colin Martin |
| Chalice | Sue Dunne, Stewart Henderson |

MUSIC

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| 9.00am | Sung Communion |
| Hymns | 676, 761, 690 |
| 10.30am | Parish Communion |
| Hymns | 676, 704, 761, 690 |
| Anthem | <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Cleobury)</i> |
| Musician | Stuart Whatton |

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God,
you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and

said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

PSALM 138

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL Luke 5.1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday - There will be an Ash Wednesday Communion Service with ashing on Wednesday 6 March at 8pm at Christ Church. All are welcome.

Interregnum - At the January Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting it was agreed that the Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell would be tasked with writing the Parish Profile & Statement of Needs with assistance from Mair Molteno, Helen Vernon and Rebecca Warner. Please do continue to pray for those involved and our Parish as we journey together through the interregnum process.

Old St George's Church - Esher's only Grade 1 listed building, has for many years been welcoming visitors on Saturdays from 11am until 3pm between April and September. The Friends of St George's rely entirely on the willingness of volunteer guides to open and close the church, and to greet visitors as they arrive and answer their questions. Guiding provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about Esher, its inhabitants and its history. Additional guides are being sought to fill current vacancies. Each guide is allocated a two-hour session on no more than two or three Saturdays per season. Training can be provided, if desired. Anyone interested should contact the Guides Coordinator, Stephen Chater, on stephenchater@btinternet.com or via the Parish Office.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We are pleased to welcome the exciting young flute/cello/piano ensemble, Cadran Trio, to Christ Church on Wednesday 20 February. They will entertain us with two contrasting trios by Haydn and Weber. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection.

Can Faith Institutions Save our Planet? - "As Christians we are called to be stewards of God's wonderful creation. The challenges facing this creation are numerous and well reported, but there are plenty of small steps that we can take to help care for our planet. Often this starts with ourselves, as individuals and churches." +Andrew Join Bishop Andrew and Shaukat Warraich (CEO of Faith Associates) to discuss how we can tackle and raise awareness of environmental issues from a faith perspective. Taking place at HG Wells Conference Centre, Woking on Tuesday 12 February, 6.30pm-9pm. Please book via Diocese of Guildford website.

Mother's Union Lady Day Service - We have been invited to parade with other parishes at this Diocesan Festival & Commissioning Service at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 25 March at 11am. The special invitation has been sent to parishes that have had Mother's Union branches in the past. We do not currently have any members so have been asked for a possible contact point – if anyone is interested? In the first instance why not attend Lady Day and parade our banner along with other banners - it is a fine sight apparently and very enjoyable. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Tara Duffy, Jackie Hinton, Betty Walker, Yasmin Ingram, Margaret Williams, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Lindsay Handcock, Margaret Miller, Claire Trepess

RIP anniversaries: Richard Loughrey, Phyllis Riley, Laurence Green, Leonard Schwarz, Sheila Hayne

RIP: Suzanne Armstrong-Kelsey

Ministry training: Fiona Owen is training to become a Licensed Lay Minister

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.

| February | | Time | Reading |
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| Monday | 11 | | 1 Chronicles 28.1-10; Ps 30; John 15.1-11 |
| Tuesday | 12 | | 1 Chronicles 28.11-end; Ps 36; John 15.12-17 |
| Wednesday | 13 | | 1 Chronicles 29.1-9; Ps 34; John 15.18-end |
| Thursday | 14 | | 1 Chronicles 29.10-20; Ps 37; John 16.1-15 |
| Friday | 15 | | 1 Chronicles 29.21-end; Ps 31; John 16.16-22 |

PARISH CALENDAR

| February | | Time | Event |
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| Sunday | 10 | 5.30pm | Voyagers, Esher Church School |
| Monday | 11 | 7.15pm | Choir practice |
| Thursday | 14 | 10.00am | Fellowship Group |
| Monday | 18 | 10.00am | Visit by Sussex County Association of Bellringers |
| | | 7.15pm | Choir practice |
| Tuesday | 19 | 8.00pm | West End Committee Meeting, Member's house |
| Wednesday | 20 | 12.30pm | Music on the Green lunchtime concert |
| | | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice |
| Sunday | 24 | 5.30pm | Pioneers, Esher Church School |
| Monday | 25 | 7.15pm | Choir practice |
| Wednesday | 27 | 11.30am | Funeral: Suzanne Armstrong-Kelsey |
| | | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice |

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise