

# 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 APRIL 2021

## CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism Service at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Denise Howells
Reader	Brian Elliott
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

## MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Chorale Improvisation 'God of heaven and earth'</i> (Karg-Elert)
Music & Hymns	A&M 327 (omit v4), 445 (omit v4), 212, 690
Anthem	<i>The true and living bread</i> (David Blackwell)
Closing Music	<i>Toccata in F major, BuxWV 157</i> (Buxtehude)

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples  
with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,  
your Son made himself known  
to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him  
in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

This morning's first reading - from the third chapter of the Acts of the Apostles - follows on from the account of Peter healing a lame man who used to sit and beg for alms at the gate of the Temple in Jerusalem. When asked for a contribution Peter replied, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' He then took the man by the hand, raised him up, 'and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong' (Acts 3.6-7). The narrative reinforces the point that all Christ's followers are called to participate in God's vision of *shalom*, God's plan to restore all that is broken in the world. As Diana Butler Bass writes in *Christianity for the Rest of Us*: 'To heal, to pray for healing, to work for healing, is to enact God's dream of *shalom*, to participate in God's longing to restore created harmony to the universe. Indeed, one of the Christian titles for Jesus, 'Saviour' comes from the Greek *soter*, which means both saviour and healer ... Jesus embodied healing, healing for all creation, healing that would bring forth God's *shalom*.' Playing our part through the grace of God in that divine purpose is the high calling of those who will be baptised today; just as it is the calling of all the baptised.

God bless,



## READING Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## GOSPEL Luke 24.36b-48

Jesus said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

## HYMNS

Awake, awake, fling off the night

Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent his glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, with love renewed,  
and with the Spirit's power endued.  
The light of life in us must glow,  
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before his cross for guidance kneel;  
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is here! As we his people

God is here! As we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit,  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

## HYMNS

### Now the green blade riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the  
buried grain,

Wheat that in the dark earth many  
days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead  
has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that  
springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom  
men had slain,

Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps  
unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that  
springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Christ that for the three days in the grave  
had lain;

Back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that  
springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or  
in pain,

Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare  
have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that  
springeth green.

### Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power each tree and flower was  
planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus  
is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain on  
Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,  
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting  
us free:

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
from death he rose and all his foes shall  
own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power that Jesus  
is Lord.

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

## PARISH COVID INFORMATION

### Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

We are very happy to have Christ Church open again for in-person public worship for our Eastertide services. It is hoped that public worship will continue, and that services will recommence at St George's, West End in May. Please contact the Parish Office nearer the time for further information. Christ Church will also open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm.

**Help & the Parish Office** - The office will continue to work remotely. If you need support, do please let us know via the office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig ([rector@esherparish.org.uk](mailto:rector@esherparish.org.uk) or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152. Many thanks.

### Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line 24 hours a day. A Church of England initiative (in partnership with Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life).

**Call to the Nation** - The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, invite us to pray each day at 6pm to remember those who have died from COVID-19. For more details go to: [tps://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation)

**'Time to Pray' App** – This app presents everything you need, with variations for the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. To download the app go to <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

## CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- Individuals, households and support bubbles are asked not to 'mingle with others' before, during, or after the service.
- Sadly, congregational singing is still not permitted - Choir members will raise their beautiful voices on our behalf.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
- Face coverings/masks are required by law. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' use the prayer in the Order of Service.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside after the service.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you!

## PARISH NOTICES

### HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

The Archbishop of Canterbury has led the Church of England in paying tribute to His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, giving 'thanks to God for his extraordinary life of dedicated service. Prince Philip continually demonstrated his unflinching support and unstinting loyalty to Her Majesty The Queen for 73 years ... Theirs was a marriage grounded in friendship and mutual respect and sustained by a shared faith in Christ. I pray that God will comfort Her Majesty and the rest of the Royal Family at this time. May His Royal Highness rest in peace and rise in glory.

*God of our lives,*

*we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.*

*We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

**Books of Condolence** - If you wish to send a message of condolence to the Royal Family, there are online Books of Condolence available both on the Royal Family's website at [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk) and also on the Church of England website at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org).

**Zoom Bible Reflection & Prayer** - All are welcome to join this informal Zoom gathering at 9am on Tuesday mornings. Contact the Parish Office for details.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Zoom Morning Prayer continues on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am. However, please note that there will be no gathering on Wednesday 28 April.

**Heart Stones** - Here's an idea: paint a stone or pebble with something close to your heart. It could be words of hope and encouragement. It could be someone or something which helped you through these difficult times. It could be a painted prayer offered for those in need. Then, when you're out on your daily exercise, drop by Christ Church and add your 'Heart Stone' to the growing line around the building. Who knows we might encircle the church with beautiful expressions of faith, hope and love!

**Music on the Green** - Our April concert features Duo Kottos, the UK's only guitar and cello duo dedicated to the recording, performing and commissioning of music by living composers from all corners of the world. For MOTG they will present music from film composer Thomas Newman and the Brazilian Radamés Gnattali, as well as a selection of accessible works by living composers. This concert will be premiered on the 'MOTG Esher' YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60Nys0liNK3Y10JOnMu1w>) at 1.15 pm this Wednesday, and also available for catch-up listening. Donations are welcome at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG)

**Fellowship Group** - Our next meeting will be at 10am on Wednesday 21 April on Zoom. All are welcome. If you're interested please contact the Parish Office.

**Book Group** - The next Zoom meeting will be at 5pm on Tuesday 4 May when we will be discussing something rather different - Duncan Hamilton's award-winning biography of the great sports writer Neville Cardus. If you'd like to know more, contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776 or [jandrewesher@hotmail.com](mailto:jandrewesher@hotmail.com).

## PARISH NOTICES

**Leave** - The Rector, Darren, will be on leave from tomorrow until Tuesday 4 May. Contact details for the other clergy, as well as parish officers, can be found on the parish website.

**Parish Giving** - Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity to the Parish of Esher. Like most parishes there's been pressure on our income recently, so if you're in a position to do so, please consider supporting our mission and ministry. Donations can be made today or via JustGiving at <https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

**Ecclesiastical Home Insurance 2021 Offer** - For every new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical Insurance they will donate £130 to the Parish of Esher through their Trust130 promotion. For details go to: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/trust130/>

**InSpire** - If you want to subscribe to our Parish newsletter, InSpire, please go to <http://www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=latestnews>

**Parish Electoral Roll** - This will be revised from 18 April to 2 May inclusive. If you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll application forms may be obtained from the Parish Office and must be returned by Sunday 2 May. If you are on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address in the past three years, please advise the Parish Office.

**Parish Office** - Just a little reminder that Melanie will continue to work remotely for a little while longer. Also please note that Melanie does not work on Thursdays.

**Lent Appeal Update** - Many thanks to all who have contributed to this year's Lent Appeal. Through your generosity we have raised £3340, which will go a long way towards supporting students in our local schools who lack the IT facilities needed to access their learning. This is ongoing post-lockdown, as students need these facilities to enable them to complete coursework and homework tasks. In addition to these funds, we have collected a total of nine laptops which are being updated and made ready for student's use. This is a fantastic effort by all concerned, and will without doubt be appreciated by the recipients. Thank you again for your generosity and consideration for these students.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - We were grateful to God for dry weather over the Easter weekend as we hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Church. We welcomed families old and new, who had a fun time hunting down Easter eggs, some of which were very tricky to find! Thank you for all your prayers and support of this event! Let's hope we can make it a regular thing.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Jaeseok Yang, Headley Williams, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Shireen Sahni, Jennie Seller, Stewart Henderson

RIP Anniversaries: Doreen Vandeputte, Mary Hartnell, Rosemary Kerrison, Josephine Semple

RIP: His Royal Highness Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh,  
Revd Canon Christopher Scott, David Moore

Baptism: Rory Hector Serajian-Esfahan

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

	April	Time	Reading
	Monday	19	Deuteronomy 5.1-22; Ps 96; Ephesians 1.1-14
	Tuesday	20	9.00-10.00am Deuteronomy 5.22-end; Ps 98; Ephesians 1.15-end
	Wednesday	21	9.00-10.00am Deuteronomy 6; Ps 34; Ephesians 2.1-10
	Thursday	22	Deuteronomy 7.1-11; Ps 136; Ephesians 2.11-end
	Friday	23	Joshua 1.1-9; Ps 5; Ephesians 6.10-20

## LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
	Sunday	18	10.30am Parish Communion & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
			6.00pm Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
	Monday	19	7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church
	Tuesday	20	9.00-10.00am Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
	Wednesday	21	9.00-10.00am Morning Prayer, Zoom
			10.00am-4.00pm Christ Church open for private prayer
			10.00am Fellowship Group, Zoom
			1.15pm Music on the Green online lunchtime concert: Duo Kottos, guitar & cello
	Thursday	22	All day Parish Office closed
	Sunday	25	10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
			6.00pm Live streamed Youth Worship Service, YouTube
			6.30pm Youth Group Meeting, Zoom

## CONTACTS

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