

# PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

19 JANUARY 2025

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musicians	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Julia Forrest, Angela Sweet
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Helen Griffin, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Elevation from 4 Piezas para la Misa</i> (José Lidón)
SG / CC hymns	104 (omit v4), 95, 506 (omit v3)
SG / CC setting	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>O God, your goodness</i> (Beethoven)
Closing music	<i>Pasticcio</i> (Langlais)
THE COLLECT	
Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In his book 'God in the Dock' the Christian apologist and author C.S. Lewis gives a thought-provoking interpretation of the 'water into wine' miracle in today's Gospel. For Lewis, this sign is an invitation to see in Jesus the very same power and activity of God which creates and sustains the world around us. He explains:

'God creates the vine and teaches it to draw up water by its roots and, with the aid of the sun, to turn water into a juice which will ferment and take on certain qualities. Thus every year, from Noah's time till ours, God turns water into wine. That, men fail to see. Either like the Pagans they refer the process to some finite spirit, Bacchus or Dionysus: or else, like the moderns, they attribute real and ultimate causality to the chemical and other material phenomena which are all that our senses can discover in it. But when Christ at Cana makes water into wine, the mask is off. The miracle has only half its effect if it only convinces us that Christ is God: it will have its full effect if whenever we see a vineyard or drink a glass of wine we remember that here works He who sat at a wedding party in Cana.'

Something to think about when you next raise a glass!

God bless



## READING Isaiah 62.1-5

The Lord's says this:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the  
dawn, and her salvation like a burning  
torch. The nations shall see your  
vindication, and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the  
hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in  
the hand of your God. You shall no more  
be termed Forsaken, and your land shall  
no more be termed Desolate; but you  
shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married; for the Lord  
delights in you, and your land shall be  
married. For as a young man marries  
a young woman, so shall your builder  
marry you, and as the bridegroom  
rejoices over the bride, so shall your  
God rejoice over you.

## GOSPEL John 2.1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples had also been  
invited to the wedding. When the wine  
gave out, the mother of Jesus said to  
him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus  
said to her, 'Woman, what concern is  
that to you and to me? My hour has  
not yet come.' His mother said to the  
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'  
Now standing there were six stone  
water-jars for the Jewish rites of  
purification, each holding twenty  
or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them,  
'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled  
them up to the brim. He said to them,  
'Now draw some out, and take it to the  
chief steward.' So they took it. When  
the steward tasted the water that had  
become wine, and did not know where  
it came from (though the servants who  
had drawn the water knew), the steward  
called the bridegroom and said to him,  
'Everyone serves the good wine first,  
and then the inferior wine after the  
guests have become drunk. But you  
have kept the good wine until now.'  
Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in  
Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory;  
and his disciples believed in him.

### Other Lectionary Texts

Psalms 36.5-10 page 540 (OT)

1 Corinthians 12.1-11 page 186 (NT)

The page numbers are given for Bibles  
that are available from the sidespeople.

## PARISH NOTICES

**First Aid Training** - Polly Jordan has very kindly arranged a morning of First Aid training with NHS colleagues. The training is free and will take place on Saturday 1 February, 9.30-11.30am, at Christ Church. The session will cover Basic Life Support (BLS), AED (defibrillator) training and key skills like choking management (child/adult) and anaphylaxis. You will get a chance to practice CPR and gain experience with an automated external defibrillator (AED) like the one now installed at Christ Church. It is open to all in the Parish. If interested please contact the Parish Office or Polly on pollyjordan08@googlemail.com

**Book Group** - On Monday 27 January we'll discuss Bernhard Schlink's hailed novel *The Reader*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188.

**Leave** - The Rector is away on leave until Monday 20 January.

**Sunday School** - This week we will be hearing of Jesus's first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, with some water-jar inspired art.

**Youth Group** - Our next Youth Group will be at the amended date/time of Friday 31 January, 5-6.30pm when we will be exploring what it means to use our voice.

**Sunday School Supplies** - As our children's activities are expanding, we're looking for any spare items you may have, including A4 card (any colour), pens and cardboard inner tubes. Please leave them in the box at the back of Christ Church. Thank you!

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues every Thursday morning at 9.30am. Contact the Parish Office for details.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

**Candlemas Service** - This year's Candlemas Service will be held in Old St George's Church, Esher at 6pm on Sunday 2 February. The liturgical feast recalls the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, and in our celebration we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate both the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. All are welcome to join us for this reflective and atmospheric evening.

**Other Lectionary Texts** - The Revised Common Lectionary typically specifies four scripture readings for Sunday morning services, two of which are printed in the pewsheet. Details of the other texts are given in the information box opposite, along with their respective page numbers in the Bibles available from the sidespeople.

**Oliver Macfarlane** - Oliver is performing an organ recital at St Mary's Stoke d'Abernon on Thursday 30 January at 1pm. The programme will include Mendelssohn's Sonata no 1 in F, and The Swan from Saint-Saen's Carnival of the Animals. No need to book, retiring collection.

**Composition Success** - Theo Tang, our senior organ scholar has just won Hampton School's Composition Competition, adjudicated this year by Brendan Ashe, composer-in-residence at Lady Eleanor Holles School. Theo's entry, 'Radiance' - a short piece for unaccompanied choir, inspired by Marie Curie - was judged the best in a wide field of contestants from all year groups. It will receive its premiere at the Hampton School Spring Concert on Wednesday 26 March. Congratulations, Theo!

**Music on the Green** - The next concert will be on Wednesday 19 February. Save the date!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Sienna Ravel, Katie Clark

RIP Anniversaries: David Fairhead, Michael Barnett, Glenys Dunne, Muriel Whelan, Phyllis Swaine, Joan Samuel, Norah Bloore, Janette Williams

RIP: Elizabeth Garsten, Philip Brewster

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

January		Time	Reading
Monday	20		Amos 6; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tuesday	21		Amos 7; Psalm 132; 1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Wednesday	22		Amos 8; Psalm 81; 1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thursday	23	9.30-10.30am	Amos 9; Psalm 76; 1 Corinthians 7.25-end
Friday	24		Hosea 1.1-2.1; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 8

## LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Sunday	19	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	20	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	22	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	23	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		11am	Funeral of Philip Brewster, Christ Church
Saturday	25	2pm	Wedding Blessing of Jack Morrissey & Daisy Love, St George's Church
Sunday	26	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	27	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	29	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	30	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

## CONTACTS

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<b>Live Streaming</b> Please be aware that all services held at Christ Church are live streamed via our YouTube channel.		
Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		